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Here Is Your War In Italy—Tell The Home Folks It's Tough

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
United Press War Correspondent

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, April 7.—This is a frank description of the allied campaign in Italy by correspondents who have been in the field with the troops. It is not a cheery, optimistic report because that isn't the kind of a war American, British, Canadian, African,

Indian, French and Italian troops have been waging against the Germans in this theater. The war in Italy is a matter of slogging ahead in some places a few hundred yards in a week and in others of just digging in and trying to hold firm at a stiff cost of lives and limbs. It is a war of mud and booby traps, of hopes and disappointments. It is war at its most undramatic and unpleasant.

The men at the front want the people back home to know that. I have been at the main 5th army front and more recently at the Anzio beachhead and at both places I was impressed by the doughboy's wish that the home folks know that their task in Italy is "tough going." Some of them actually "dared" me to write how rough the going was in the mountains around Cassino and on the

flat beachhead where soldiers fell "like cockroaches in a bathtub" when the Germans shoot down at them from the surrounding heights. Seven months of struggling up the Italian boot through mud and mountains and across bloody beaches leave the allies today still short of Rome, the glittering Christmas objective of the armchair strategists at home (Continued on Page 9—Column 1)

Bricker Steps Up Campaign in Speech Here



Ernest M. Morris (left), Indiana G. O. P. national committeeman, was host to Governor John W. Bricker and Myers Y. Cooper (right), former Ohio governor, at a reception yesterday at the Claypool hotel preceding Governor Bricker's address before the Indianapolis Press club.

A CHAPTER ENDS— Politics Wins As Willkie's Star Fades

By THOMAS L. STOKES
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, O., April 7.—Consider the case of Wendell Willkie, one of the most dramatic, amusing and intriguing in American political history. Four years ago—resigned from the presidency of a great electric power corporation—nominated for president by the Republicans in the political miracle of the 20th century—recipient of 22,000,000 votes though he had never served in public office, nor even ever run for one.



Today—fourth in a presidential primary, trailing three other candidates who weren't there—all this after the most thorough personal speaking campaign ever undertaken by a candidate for a presidential nomination in a single state.

Why? It is worth looking into, though this is not to suggest that we've heard the last of Wendell Willkie. A Willkie phase has ended, and we may inquire what happened before another begins—and one is sure to begin.

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HAS NO SPECIAL PLAN IN INDIANA

Ignores Advice to Hit Hard; Criticizes New Deal, but Not Roosevelt.

By EARL RICHERT

Although Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio announced here last night that now, with Wendell Willkie out of the G. O. P. presidential race, he would intensify his campaign for delegates, his friends made it clear that no concrete plans have been formulated for a Bricker-for-President organization in Indiana.

"We have made no plans for Indiana," said Don E. Wright, Ohio

ALBANY, April 7 (U. P.).—Governor Thomas E. Dewey side-stepped questions regarding his presidential aspirations at his first press conference since Wendell L. Willkie's withdrawal from the G. O. P. presidential nomination race.

"I have no comment to make on any political subject," Dewey said late yesterday when questioned as to whether, in view of Willkie's move, he planned to become an avowed candidate.

This hesitancy to get started in Indiana, other than making a personal appearance and shaking hands, is known to be disappointing to some of Governor Bricker's friends here who see the Dewey bandwagon rolling by.

Some friends also were disappointed because he failed to take their advice and "take off the gloves" in his address before the Indianapolis Press club, his first official speech as a presidential candidate in Indiana.

This is the ideal time, they ad-

CAN'T BE DONE? 'Fort' Makes Inside Loop; Crew Saved

By ROBERT RICHARDS
United Press War Correspondent

U. S. FLYING Fortress BASE, England, April 7.—Lt. John W. Raedeke of Waterville, Minn., who made the experiment over Europe, says he's tired of arguing about it—the truth is that a Flying Fortress can do an inside loop.

Raedeke's report on the maneuver, subject of much scientific debate among fliers in London bars, was being made, he said, because fliers who had heard of it from a sergeant, shook their heads in disbelief.

"This is how it happened," Raedeke said, admitting that the plane the "Hit Parade" could not be offered in evidence because she was on a junk heap.

Fighters were pouring in from all directions. Our top turret gunner hit a Fokke-Wulf 190 which exploded right in front of us and shunted off to the right, colliding with the Fortress next door.

"That Fort went up on its tail and fell across our tail, taking away most of the stabilizing rudder and one-third of the left horizontal stabilizer and elevator.

"That sudden pressure on our tail threw our nose up and put us in a complete loop.

"I and the co-pilot, 3d Lt. Don Urban of Nazareth, Pa., realized we could not bring her back, so

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PEACETIME LABOR BOARD IS URGED

Veterans in Auto Industry Make Post-War Plans.

WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.).—War veteran members of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) called today for immediate creation of a federal peace production board to plan, organize and direct reconversion of industry from war to peace.

The proposal was part of a "full employment program" adopted by 135 U. A. W. veterans of world war I and II in the concluding sessions of a two-day conference here.

The program calls for "post-war jobs and security—not normalcy." In addition to the peace production board, the veterans proposed:

1. A post-war 30-hour week at 40-hour pay.

2. A vast public works program—emphasizing housing—"not as a glorified WPA but as a permanent part of a healthy, expanding economy."

3. Federal operation of government-owned plants in monopolistic or semi-monopolistic industries or industries "strategic to national welfare and defense."

4. Adjusted service pay, unemployment compensation and social security credit, educational and vocational training, and pensions "adequate to provide a decent living" for veterans.

5. A political action program in behalf of "genuine liberals and progressives."

'HOLD LINE' PRICE PLAN SUCCESS, MUST BE CONTINUED, FDR INSISTS

RUSS BESIEGE ODESSA FROM LAND, SEA, AIR

Nazi Garrison in Black Sea Port Seems Doomed to Destruction.

MOSCOW, April 7 (U. P.).—Soviet forces laid siege by land, sea and air today to the Black sea port of Odessa and the battered German 6th army trapped within a 50-mile arc curving southeastward 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 thousands of Germans caught in the Skala and Tarnopol pockets east of the river.

(The British radio reported that German "suicide squads" have been rushed to Odessa with orders to hold the city at all costs.)

Soviet tank and infantry columns neared the outskirts of Odessa along three main highways east, northeast and northwest of the city while Soviet planes ranged over the sea approaches to prevent any Dunkirk evacuation attempt.

The speed of the Russian advance was believed to have smashed any German hopes of extricating more than a portion of the nearly-trapped garrison—estimated a month ago at more than 100,000 men—of making a protracted stand in the city.

Squeezed Ever Tighter

The defenders literally were jammed against the Black sea and being squeezed tighter by Russian forces relentlessly bearing down on them from a solid belt of bases less than 13 miles from the center of Odessa.

German air and naval forces could offer little help to the beleaguered garrison because they have no major support bases closer than Constanta, Rumania, nearly 200 miles to the south.

Heavy rains turned the terrain (Continued on Page 9—Column 5)

JAPS ARE FIGHTING IN IMPHAL AREA

NEW DELHI, April 7 (U. P.).—Japanese invasion forces driving westward through India's Manipur state have reached the Imphal area and are engaging the defenders of that British stronghold, a communiqué disclosed today.

Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters reported that "small" enemy columns were attacking British positions around Imphal, but asserted that all these initial thrusts had been repulsed.

The attacks apparently were made by Japanese flanking columns moving down the Imphal-Kohima highway in the van of the main enemy force.

Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of the British home fleet, stood on the quarter-deck of his flagship waving his cap with those of the entire ship's company. Each of the ships making up the force was cheered as it filed into the anchorage.

The Tirpitz was hit at dawn Monday as she lay in Allen fjord in northern Norway by barracudas from the largest force of aircraft carriers ever concentrated against a single ship, and was left blazing fiercely.

SIMMS IN LONDON— Petain Facing Execution or Life in Prison

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS,
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

LONDON, April 7. — Unless saved by a miracle or spared because of his eighty-odd years, Marshal Philippe Petain, head of the Vichy regime, will be summarily tried and shot like Pierre Pucheu as soon as the French Committee of National Liberation can lay hands on him.

Of that I am convinced after talking with followers of Gen. De Gaulle in this country. Possibly his sentence might be commuted to life imprisonment, but his arrest, trial and punishment are deemed a political necessity.

He, more than the notorious Pierre Laval, is regarded as symbolizing the dry rot which led to (Continued on Page 16—Column 5)

HAMBURG HIT BY MOSQUITOES

R. A. F. Pounds Other Ruhr, Rhineland Targets; One Plane Lost.

LONDON, April 7 (U. P.).—Swarms of R. A. F. Mosquito bombers attacked Hamburg and targets in the industrial Ruhr and Rhineland last night and axis reports said scattered allied "nuisance raiders" struck at Germany by daylight today.

There was no immediate allied confirmation of the reported daylight stab at Germany, but the enemy broadcasts indicated that Anglo-American reconnaissance planes might be ranging over the Reich to photograph bomb damage or scout out new targets for the big allied bombing fleets.

One British plane was lost in last night's operations, which rounded out 24 hours of widespread allied aerial blows against axis Europe from the north and south.

U. S. 8th air force Liberators raked the Pas de Calais "invasion coast" of France yesterday.

Fighter-escorted Flying Fortresses and Liberators from the Italian-based 15th air force struck again at the Balkans, although in considerably smaller force than in the previous days' attacks on Rumania and Hungary.

The big bombers hit at Zagreb airfield in northern Yugoslavia.

British Cheer Naval Force Home From Blasting Tirpitz

By LEO DISHER
United Press Staff Correspondent

ABOARD A BRITISH WARSHIP, April 6 (Delayed) (U. P.).—The British naval force whose planes knocked Germany's super-battleship Tirpitz out of the war for months—perhaps for good—returned to its home base today to be greeted by resounding salutes from other warships already at anchor.

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Reconnaissance photographs showed at least 24 direct hits with bomb totaling eight tons, but officials said the scarcity of water spouts from misses indicated that actually the number of hits was "far greater." It also was pointed out that no photographs were taken after the final wave of bombers attacked.

The bombs silenced the Tirpitz's guns and wrecked the ship with terrific inner and outer explosions. Set adrift, the Tirpitz was believed to have grounded by the stern.

The fleet generally hailed the victory as decisive as that scored over the 26,000-ton Scharnhorst, sunk in Arctic waters earlier this year.

The Tirpitz may be able to crawl southward for repairs, but it will be a long time before she will be able to fight again, if ever.

LONDON HEARS UNITY HAILED BY STETTINIUS

Hull's Aid Arrives to Talk With British Leaders on War Strategy.

LONDON, April 7 (U. P.).—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., United States undersecretary of state, said today that the "last desperate hope" of the axis to avert defeat by creating suspicion and distrust among the united nations had "signally failed."

Stettinius issued his statement on allied unity to the press soon after his arrival for exploratory discussions with British leaders of a wide range of topics probably including diplomatic matters connected with the forthcoming invasion of Europe.

"The united nations are nearer victory now because we have learned to plan and fight together," he said. "We of the united nations will not relinquish the co-operation and unity which has brought us so far along the road to victory."

Stettinius conferred at length this afternoon with United States Ambassador John G. Winant, but had no other appointments immediately.

In his statement, the undersecretary said he was "looking forward to full and frank discussions with British officials on many subjects of current importance," emphasizing that the purpose of his visit was not to conclude agreements.

He recalled that two years ago when he was in London as lend-lease administrator, the united nations forces were on the defensive everywhere, while "today it is the axis armies which are falling back."

"The enemy has learned to his sorrow what mighty blows we can strike when our men, our weapons and our leadership are combined in common cause," he said.

Mutual Trust Cited

The divide-and-conquer policy of the axis has foundered on united nations unity, he said, and with it has gone the enemy's hope of victory by dividing the combined strength of the allies through suspicion and distrust among them.

In preserving the unity of purpose and action between the united nations is the frequent exchange of (Continued on Page 6—Column 5)

Hoosier Heroes— DANFORTH LISTED AS WAR PRISONER

Turret Gunner Previously Reported Missing.

S. SGT. CHARLES S. DANFORTH JR., who has been missing in action over Austria since Feb. 24, yesterday was listed as a prisoner of war in Germany.

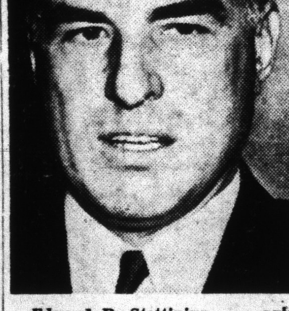
A top turret gunner in the army air forces, Sgt. Danforth is the husband of Mrs. Mary Danforth, 914 Villa ave., and son of Mrs. Hazel L. Danforth, 410 Villa ave.

Before enlisting in the army Jan. 15, 1943, the 21-year-old soldier worked at Holcomb & Hoke. He went overseas in September, 1943.

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Reaches England LOWER LIVING COST CLAIMED FOR THE NATION



Edward R. Stettinius ... axis has failed to disrupt United Nations by propaganda.

WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today released with his emphatic approval a report stating that the "hold-the-line" stabilization policy on prices and wages has succeeded in its first year and must be continued without change "in the critical months ahead."

The program, the report said, has helped to "slightly lower" the cost of living and maintain "one year of stable living costs—unprecedented either in this war or in the last war."

The report was read by Mr. Roosevelt at his press and radio conference. It was prepared for him for the first anniversary—tomorrow—of his hold-the-line order and was signed by Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, Price Administrator Chester Bowles,

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones, and War Labor Board Chairman William H. Davis.

The report's defense of policies thus far followed was considered especially significant inasmuch as one of the keystones of the stabilization program—the "little steel" wage limitation formula—is being attacked in two quarters.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations is now asking the war labor board to break that formula to give steel workers an increase in wages. The board also is hearing American Federation of Labor officials on their petition to have the allowable wage increases under the formula revised upward. Increases in basic, straight-time rates now are limited to 15 per cent of the rate paid Jan. 1, 1941.

Figures Don't Lie

The section of the report to the President on cost of living comes after a series of bitter attacks on various government indices of living costs.

The report said that "the task of stopping the rise in prices has thus far been carried out" and added that "as a result, the cost of living, which before the 'hold-the-line' was rising three-fourths of 1 per cent a month, for a solid year been held without change of any consequence."

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Report Comes in Face of 'Little Steel' Demands For Higher Wages.

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Willkie Laughs Off Query On Backing GOP Nominee

NEW YORK, April 7 (U. P.).—Wendell L. Willkie, declaring that he felt "fine," arrived in New York today and announced that his national campaign headquarters would be closed "immediately" as the result of his withdrawal from the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Willkie, accompanied by his wife, laughed off any specific questions as to his future political moves.

He declined to amplify his Omaha statement of Wednesday night, in which he said he was no longer a candidate because of his defeat in the Wisconsin primaries.

Asked whether he intended to make any political trips or speeches in the near future, Willkie said: "Not that I know of. I'm going to devote all of my time to running my office and practicing law. This is my home, you know."

Willkie, for the most part, appeared less jovial than usual and appeared tired.

He gave a hearty laugh, and made no further reply when asked: "Will you support the Republican candidate, whoever he is?"

Willkie said he did not intend to hold a press conference in the near future and had "no statement to make, whatsoever at this time."

Asked whether he had any plans to meet with Governor Thomas E. Dewey, now considered a leading Republican candidate in view of the Wisconsin primary result, Willkie again laughed and declined to answer.

"I made my statement in Omaha," Willkie said. "It was completely comprehensive, and I don't want to add to it."

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