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Blast Injures Hitler, Hint Attempted Assassination

LONDON, July 20 (U.P.)—Adolf Hitler was slightly burned, bruised and received a "light brain concussion" and a number of his high-ranking army and navy officers were injured, four of them seriously, today in what the German DNB news agency said was an "attempt with explosives on the führer."

The official German news agency dispatch indicated that the explosion occurred at Hitler's headquarters—one of the most closely guarded places in the entire world—and that the intended victims included not only Hitler and some of

his top commanders, but also Benito Mussolini, premier of the so-called Republican Fascist government of northern Italy.

Mussolini was on Hitler's calling list at about the time of the explosion and as soon as the headquarters was cleared of debris and wounded, DNB indicated, Hitler "resumed his work" and received Mussolini "as intended."

DNB said that shortly after the attempt, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering—who Hitler designated as the heir to Nazi leadership at the beginning of the war—"joined the führer."

This indicated that Goering was not present when the explosives went off.

Officers clustered around Hitler, apparently received the full strength of the blast, shielding Hitler himself. The führer's wounds were described as slight. Those listed as seriously injured were:

Lt. Gen. Schmundt, Col. Brandt, Lt. Col. Borgmann and Borgmann's aide, Berger.

The following were listed as receiving minor injuries: Gen. Alfred Jodl, chief of Hitler's personal staff; Maj. Gen.

Guenther Korten, chief of staff of the Luftwaffe; Gen. Buhlike, Gen. Karl Bodenschatz, liaison officer between Hitler and the air marshal's office; Gen. Heusinger, Gen. Scherff, Adm. Von Puttkamer and Adm. Voss.

DNB did not specify whether the explosion was caused by a bomb planted inside the room in which Hitler and his commanders were conferring or whether the explosion might have been from a bomb launched from an allied plane and pin-pointed as in recent attacks on German headquarters.

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FDR TO ACCEPT NOMINATION IN RADIO ADDRESS

Scheduled Tonight; Wallace Claims 400 Votes.

By LYLE C. WILSON
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CHICAGO STADIUM, July 20.—With the Democratic convention set to renominate President Roosevelt today and hear his acceptance speech by radio tonight, Vice President Henry A. Wallace's forces, in a new burst of enthusiasm, predicted today that he will be retained as Roosevelt's running mate.

Claiming more than 400 votes on the first ballot, Wallace's strategists said they no longer cared how soon the convention names the vice presidential nominee.

They feel that Wallace is in the bag despite the bitter party disputes

Jackson Ridicules G. O. P. Emphasis On Youth.

CHICAGO, July 20 (U.P.)—Senator Samuel D. Jackson, Democratic nominee for governor of Indiana, told the Democratic national convention today that a change in national administration in time of war was "frightening to contemplate" and that it was "dangerous to make."

Jackson said the Republican party "to counteract the disadvantage of having such an unusually young and unpracticed candidate," Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, was attempting to make "an asset of a liability" by stressing Dewey's youth as against the "decadence" of the present administration.

"That last word 'decadence' is an indecent slander, if intended for the President," Jackson said. "Roosevelt is in his full vigor and in the flower of his energy. He has more rugged vitality in him today than any two men the opposition has to offer."

Jobs for Veterans

"The opposition offered weak and unwholesome pabulum to the American voters three campaigns in succession. The American voters would not take it from Hoover in 1932. They would not take it from Landon in 1936. They would not take it in 1940, and they will not take it in 1944."

Jackson asserted that Dewey was selected as a nominee "in the hope that the 47 New York state electoral votes would carry the old guard back into the White House."

"What a fantastically vain hope that is," he declared. "But in that hope they are willing to take the risk of his obvious inexperience...."

"What the presidency demands now, is not so much a bright young man, as a man of wisdom and experience, with depth and breadth of vision."

Jackson said the Republicans in drawing up their platform found "no nutrient in their position on the war effort nor in the international field." In their domestic program, he said, they were confronted with the accomplished fact of "economic and social reform, both long and broad."

"War has taught us methods of efficiency never dreamed of before."

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which have arisen from moves to unseat him.

Wallace's headquarters were advised today by Alabama delegation spokesmen that the Alabama vote for vice president would be cast on the first ballot for Senator John H. Bankhead and that the delegation would swing as a unit to Wallace on the second ballot.

Wallace Stays in Room

Wallace remained in his Sherman hotel rooms all the morning receiving callers.

Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, one of the callers, said:

"The President told me a month ago that he would run for a fourth term, that he would take the people into his confidence on that point before the convention this time and that he wanted Henry Wallace on the ticket with him," Arnall said.

"Until Mr. Roosevelt tells this convention in writing that he has changed his mind we are going to keep on fighting for Wallace on the assumption that Mr. Roosevelt still wants him notwithstanding any reports of notes or phone calls or anything else."

The estimate of 400 votes came

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McNutt to Start Low, Rise In Balloting, McHale Asserts

By EARL RICHERT
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CHICAGO, July 20.—Frank McHale, Indiana Democratic national committeeman who will nominate Paul V. McNutt for vice presidency at tonight's convention session, said today he would be "happy" if Mr. McNutt gets 80 votes on the first ballot.

"We want Paul to start slow and come on up," he said. "We don't

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Renomination Is Due Today



President Roosevelt, who will be renominated today at Chicago, will make his acceptance speech to the convention by radio tonight. Neither the exact time nor the source of the broadcast has been announced, but the regular convention broadcast will begin at 9 p.m.

'Tired Old Men' Are Winning War, Keynoter Kerr Says

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
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CHICAGO STADIUM, July 20.—Democrat went whooping into the aisles for the first big demonstration of their convention last night when Governor Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma made a keynote speech calling for the re-election of President Roosevelt and denouncing Republican administrations under which he said America "hardened under Harding, cooled under Coolidge and hungered under Hoover."

The speech was interrupted by a 12-minute demonstration during which state standards were paraded down the aisles to the platform where Kerr put on a 10-gallon white hat while the band blared, "You're Doin' Fine, Oklahoma."

Kerr's reply to the Republican party's "accent on youth" was the declaration that such "tired old men" as President Roosevelt, Adm. Ernest J. King, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and Gen. George C. Marshall, "are winning this war."

Repeating the refrain, "shall we discard as a 'tired old man,'" he

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Highlights of Jackson's Speech at Convention

"No convention since the birth of the republic has had such grave significance."

"A change in national administration in time of war, even when surrounded by promising circumstances, is frightening to contemplate. It is dangerous to make.... America cannot afford to take a chance. Our people will not gamble with the lives of their sons, your sons and mine."

"How many battleships would a Democratic defeat be worth to Tojo? How many Nazi legions would it be worth to Adolf Hitler? Frankly, could Goebbels himself do better to bolster axis morale than the word that the American people had upset this administration—the administration that made it possible for the Russians to drive the Nazis back to the Prussian border? We must not allow the American ballot box to be made Hitler's secret weapon!"

"Franklin D. Roosevelt is the most valuable public servant in the world today."

"The farmer, the worker, and the businessman will continue to be the objects of our administrative concern. The reopening of world markets with consequent mutualism of commercial interest among nations will reinforce and undergird the world's peace structure with the sure steel of self-interest. We always have cared for and still always care for the needy veteran, his widow and orphan."

"We must write a peace—at whatever lengths and by whatever honorable means—supported by whatever effective implementation or common international action may be necessary to guarantee the 10 million returning veterans that their sons will be spared a recurrent war. And we shall never forget the mothers of our men and women in uniform."

"We are confident of victory at the poll. Our confidence springs from appreciation of what a Democratic administration through years of stress has done for our country."

"While we await the outcome of their (the soldiers') complete endeavor, in the name of Heaven, now in the midst of their 'rendezvous with destiny,' let us not take from them their commander-in-chief."

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COMPANY OK'S STEERING GEAR ON CRASH BUS

Report Axle Broken, Tire

Blown Out; Toll Is 1 Dead, 33 Hurt.

The steering apparatus on the Indianapolis Railways bus which crashed into a steel girder yesterday at the Missouri st. and Kentucky ave. underpass was intact and in good condition, railways officials announced today.

Although mechanics seeking the cause of the accident found the front axle broken and the right front tire blown out, investigators said this could have been either a cause or result of the Stockyards bus crash.

Meanwhile, the railways investigation department, headed by Forrest Crist, the coroner's office and the police traffic department, continued to investigate the accident which took the life of one man and injured 33 others, two of them critically.

Lost Control, Driver Says

John W. Bridges, bus driver, told police yesterday that he lost control of the vehicle and said "the wheel seemed loose" in his hands. He said he was going "not more than 20 miles an hour."

According to bulletins issued by the Indianapolis Railways June 24, 1941, and Oct. 20, 1943, the speed while going through underpasses was not to exceed five miles an hour.

"Effective at once, all streetcars, trackless trolleys and gasoline buses should approach all underpasses under complete control whether or not there is any obstruction in the center of the streets. The speed of the vehicle should be gradually decreased for some distance back so that the speed when passing under and through the overhead construction does not exceed five miles an hour," the first bulletin said.

Following an accident by a motor bus last October at the Kentucky ave. and Missouri st. underpass, another bulletin was issued for drivers of Stockyards, Allison plant 5 and Mars Hill buses.

"Your attention is called to the rule for gasoline buses to drive

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Close for Kill at Lwow, Nearing E. Prussia Gate.

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
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LONDON, July 20 (U.P.)—The Russian army hammered at the gates of East Prussia today, Berlin indicated in reporting heavy fighting only eight miles from the frontier, and far to the south the Russians drove within sight of the great fortress city of Lwow in lower Poland.

Russians and Germans agreed that a half dozen Nazi bases were endangered on a 900-mile front.

Lwow, the biggest German base on the southern route to Berlin, already was under fire from Soviet artillery, and Russian army shock troops were closing in for the final assault on the nine-way rail hub.

"It is a blazing hot day, and the entire battlefield is swathed in dust clouds. Long lines of vehicles are still pouring into the break-through area with convoys of shells, fuel and food edging through in the rear."

ORDNANCE WORKS TO BE REOPENED

By SHERLEY UHL

MEDFORD, Pa., July 20 (U.P.)—

Due to increased demand for high explosives, the government's Keystone Ordnance Works, near here, will be placed back in operation as soon as possible, Lt. Edwin H. Arford, commanding officer in charge of the plant, said today.

Proponent of Caution

Yonai, long a proponent of friendly Japanese-American

and Japanese-British relations, was forced from the premiership in July, 1940, by Japan's extremist military clique,

which then proceeded to put its favorite, Tojo, into the

government as war minister and 15 months later engineered his elevation to the premiership. Yonai also was known to have opposed Japan's tripartite alliance with Germany and Italy.

Koiso retired from the army in July, 1938, and was made

overseas affairs minister in April, 1939, then governor

general of Korea in June, 1942. An advocate of southern

expansion for Japan, he has been regarded as a proponent

of caution insofar as Japanese policy elsewhere was

concerned.

Both Koiso and Yonai are 64 years old.

The fall of the Tojo government and the commissioning

of the two "moderates" to form a new cabinet was interpreted

in both Washington and Chungking as a sign that Japanese

peace moves may be forthcoming.

Though Washington urged caution as to expecting any

immediate enemy bid even for a negotiated peace, Chinese

experts on Japanese affairs said in Chungking that the

events may foreshadow Japan's unconditional surrender

before Germany collapses.

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'MODERATES' TAKE JAP REINS AS TOJO RESIGNS IN CRISIS

9 TOWNS FALL AS BRITISH GAIN WIDE FOOTHOLD

Spearheads Storm Streets Of Troarn, Roll 8 Miles Down Paris Road.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY
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SUPERME HEADQUARTERS, A. E. F., July 20.—The British 2d army, hammering out a steadily expanding Normandy break-through arc, drove through nine more towns today, stormed into the streets of Troarn and Bourguebus, and sent a spearhead down the Paris road in Vimont, eight miles southeast of Caen.

Many scores of allied Sherman tanks were smashing through the network of German fortifications on the Caen plain in wild battles of armor.