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# AMERICAN TROOPS HOLD TILLY-SUR-SEUILS

## Dewey Far In Front As GOP Meet Opened

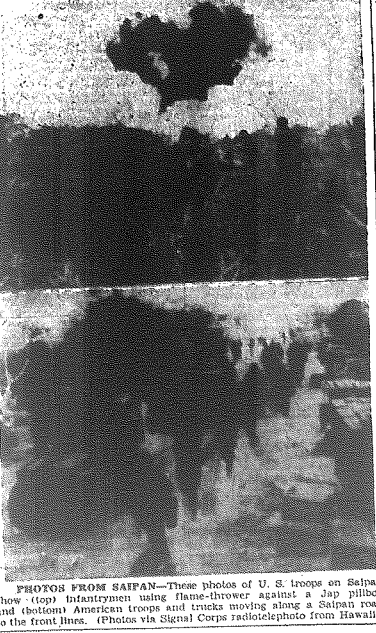
New Yorker Holds Apparently  
Unbeatable Margin Of Votes

By PAUL MILLER  
CHICAGO STADIUM — (AP) — Thomas E. Dewey's harvest of pledged votes swelled beyond the total needed for a first ballot nomination as the Republicans held the first session of their 23rd national convention in the steamship amphitheatre today.  
With state after state jumping on a Dewey bandwagon, the New York governor had a total of 339 pledged votes at 12:20 p. m. (CWT), when the opening session ended after a one-hour and 16 minutes meeting. In addition his supporters said 155 others were bound to follow.  
Thus a first ballot nomination appeared certain when the seventh day of the convention opened, to choosing its presidential candidate. It requires 525 votes to nominate.  
LATE START  
The first session, given over to preliminary organization and a welcome address from Governor Dewey, closed at 11:42 minutes later.  
This afternoon, platform framers were drafting a platform, drafted by subcommittees. In a surprise move, the farm subcommittee came up with a proposal for

## 151 Lives Taken In Big Storm

More Than 1,000  
Injured

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Rehabilitation efforts, spearheaded by the Red Cross, continued today among thousands made homeless in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland by a devastating tornado which took a toll of at least 151 lives and injured more than 1,000 Friday night.  
Preliminary estimates of property damage, meanwhile, was made today by Jerry Wakefield, assistant national building director for the Red Cross, who said at Clarksville, W. Va.: "About 23,000 would be a conservative estimate."  
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PHOTOS FROM SAIPAN—These photos of U. S. troops on Saipan show (top) infantrymen using flame-throwers against a Jap pillbox and (bottom) American troops and trucks moving along a Saipan road to the front lines. (Photos via Signal Corps radiotelephoto from Hawaii)

## Vitebsk Is Captured By Russians

Stalin Announces  
Conquest

LONDON — (AP) — Premier Joseph Stalin in an order of the day announced today the capture of Vitebsk.  
LONDON — (AP) — Attacking with shattering force on a 250-mile front in one of history's greatest land offensives, four powerful Russian armies drove westward through the broken German "Fatherland Line" in White Russia today, leaving behind an island of 45,000 trapped enemy troops. These were being cut into pieces in the hellish streets of encircled Vitebsk.  
As Russia's vital role in the Allied "Tehran master plan" crunched Germany this year unfolded from by front, German broadcasts noted with alarm that the Polish and Russian armies in the Ostrov sector, 165 miles northwest of Vitebsk, had made a 32-mile front in the East, exclusive of the two Russian armies now battering Finland.  
OTHER FORCES SET  
And at least four other great Soviet armies, equipped in part with American weapons, are poised on the Polish and Romanian fronts — waiting for the signal for a concerted push toward Berlin, in conjunction with Allied armies in the West and South.  
Rolling over roads strewn with dead German tanks and wrecked equipment, the Russians had thrown a broad belt of men and machines around the eastern city of Vitebsk, and were threatening the stronghold of Orsha, Minsk and Babruisk to the south.  
Moscow said more than 16,000 Germans had been killed—3,000 of them in the area south of Vitebsk alone. Hundreds of big guns, trucks and other equipment also had been captured. Machines in full-working order were abandoned by the Germans, whose fight was called a "retreat" in the Soviet bulletin.  
One entire company of the 56th Nazi Infantry Division "came over to the Red Army side," said the Soviet bulletin.  
FREE 1,620 TOWNS  
In a three-day advance of more than 25 miles, the Russians had freed 1,620 towns and villages. Their ultimate objective appeared to be a break-through to the Baltic Sea and German East Prussia.  
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## Yanks Reach Docks; Nazis Shelling City

Doughboys Mopping Up Last Resistance As Germans Flee To Cape

By WES GALLAGHER  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE — (AP) — American troops have reached Cherbourg's vital docks, and hold one-third of the city completely, Supreme Headquarters announced tonight, but the Germans are shelling the city from their final refuge on the cape to the northwest.  
While doughboys mopped up the last bitter, fanatical Nazi resistance in street fighting, British forces on the eastern flank in Normandy slashed more than four miles southeast of Tilly-Sur-Seuilles in a sharp offensive engulfing at least three towns.  
20,000 PRISONERS  
American tanks and troops alike—representing all the U. S. divisions that cracked Cherbourg's siege lines—pushed to the waterfront of France's third largest port, and headquarters announced that more than 20,000 prisoners have been taken since D-Day, 3,400 snared at Cherbourg in 24 hours ending at 6 A. M. today.  
German remnants were falling back on Cap De La Hague to the northwest, and Nazi artillery there fired on Cherbourg to delay Allied use of the great harbor.  
German lines on the eastern flank sagged under the weight of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's offensive—supported by artillery and warship fire—that seized Breteuilville, four miles southeast of Tilly-Sur-Seuilles, Tugnot, Breteuilville, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Tilly, and Fontenay-Le-Pesnel, two miles east of that fallen stronghold. Tilly is 12 miles west of the main Nazi eastern bastion of Caen. The doughboys battled to clean out the last Nazi still fighting in houses in the main sections of Cherbourg, and other troops closed in on several pockets and villages behind the lines by-passed in the powerful advance. The Germans still held Maupertuis airfield east of Cherbourg.  
AID FROM SEA  
Powerful aid from the sea helped the land crash into Cherbourg with three American battleships supported by eleven Allied cruisers and destroyers shelling Nazi positions after silencing German shore batteries in fierce duels. The sea barrage lasted three hours yesterday with some ships coming as close as 8,000 yards from shore.  
A dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead in Cherbourg said at 11:30 A. M. today we cannot say Cherbourg is entirely ours," although he said the city was in our hands.

## German Homeland Attacked By RAF

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

LONDON — (AP) — Versatile RAF Mosquitos flying from Britain maintained steady Allied air pressure on the enemy both in Normandy and the German homeland overnight while medium and heavy bombers from Italy hit Budapest, Hungary's capital.  
Continuing the Allied air operations that on Sunday left five air attacks—four from Britain and one from Italy—drumming German installations in France virtually all day, the Mosquitos last night attacked German troop concentrations, railroad and supply dumps near the French battlefield and industrial objectives in the German city of Hammeln, northwest of Duisburg.  
WEATHER POOR  
Unfavorable weather this morning threatened to limit today's operations over the beachhead sectors.  
Beyond the Normandy front lines, the Mosquitos left German supply dumps hidden in the forest of Bretonne on the Seine a mass of flames. Crewmen said the fires started during two miles of semi-circles when they left.  
The Mosquitos bombed German troops in the village of Bretteville, northwest of Caen. Railroad north of Laigle and at Argentan were among other targets.  
Supreme Headquarters announced that although most of yesterday's tactical assaults were successful, some enemy tank dumps and railroads, some American Thunderbolt dive-bombers struck German gun emplacements in Cherbourg.

## Hang 100 Frenchmen

PORT BOU, Spain — (AP) — German troops who blasted their way into the Guernica-held French village of Ussel Tuesday night claimed their victory by hanging 100 Frenchmen in the town square, a Paris dispatch reported today.  
A Spanish newspaper Vanguardia, writing under German censorship, said that 100 responsible partisans "were again imprisoned" in the town, located in the Vozzere department at the foot of the Plateau de Milieu, a stronghold of the French Maquis.  
Frenchmen reaching the Spanish frontier yesterday had reported hangings. They said Ussel first was taken by the Maquis without much resistance. The Maquis then withdrew, the border reports said, but returned when Vichy troops and the Germans failed to bring civilian supplies to Ussel.

## Berlin Confused About Struggle

LONDON — (AP) — A DNB broadcast from Berlin today said American tanks had penetrated the Cherbourg arsenal, and the two main strongpoints still holding out in the port city.

## Yanks Seize Italian Port

By NOLAN NORGARD  
ROME — (AP) — American troops of the Fifth Army seized the port of Plorence today without opposition yesterday, thereby gaining a valuable advanced supply base for continued thrust up Italy's west coast, while both American and French troops converged on the inland town of Siena, Allied Headquarters announced today.  
Proceeding after the enemy, who was compelled to evacuate Plorence to avoid encirclement, American infantry and tanks landed within five miles of Suvereto and within 25 miles of the important port of Livorno. Plorence is almost directly opposite the captured island of Elba.  
Further inland the Germans were being driven out of the area.

## Montgomery's Tanks And Men Advance

By ROGER GREENE  
THE BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE — (AP) — Advancing under a terrific barrage — with a big tank force — Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's tanks and infantry crashed into German defenses between Caen and Tilly-Sur-Seuilles today.  
Some towns fell in the sweeping assault of British Tommys who charged into battle under driving black smoke and advanced about 1,600 yards in two and a half hours.  
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## Marianas Defense Is Costly To Japanese

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor — (AP) — Divers into reefs, by Allied bombardments, by the Japanese Navy has expended 747 airplanes and six flat-top, the mobile element of an earlier carrier task force—upon a fruitless defense of the Marianas.

## Weather

Fair tonight and tomorrow, moderate high afternoon temperatures, mild tonight.  
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## Doughboys Wage Gallant Battle

By DON WHITEHEAD  
CHERBOURG, 11:31 A. M. — (AP) — Cherbourg is a rubble-filled, smoldering battleground where rolls the thunder of crashing enemy artillery shells and the sharp rattle of machineguns as the doughboys move from house to house cleaning up the last fanatical Nazi resistance in this port city.  
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