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RUSSIAN PUSH COAST GUARDIAN BASTION GERMANS

Less Than 49 Miles From Reich May Be In East Prussia Soon

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army, knocking large new holes in the already sagging German lines, surged westward today from a point less than 49 miles east of a town which, if estimated, would carry the fighting to German soil by the end of the week.

The German commander placed the advancing Russian west of Alytus in Lithuania, 34 miles from East Prussia, 31 miles south of Kowno and within 27 miles of the strategic city of Warsaw. The way over which two Nazi armies in the Baltic may be supplied in most instances, was cut off by the Red Army's capture of the town of Rostok, 40 miles from East Prussia.

The Red Army actually within 40 miles of East Prussia, 45 miles away, Gdansk, 56, Bydgoszcz, 52, and Danzig, less than 18 miles away, are being held by the Red Army. The capture of these towns would mean the end of the German supply line to East Prussia.

At the same time, the Red Army is pushing forward two miles along the Italian west coast yesterday in the face of bitter German resistance and captured the town of Castiglione, thus bringing the Fifth Army to within eight miles of Livorno.

Gen. Hershey Sees No Major Change In Draft Program

NEW YORK (AP)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said today he believes the present draft program will meet the demands of the future.

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Expect FR Will Back Up Wallace

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By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt has accepted in advance a fourth term nomination which long had been assumed, was reported today to a second term for Vice President Wallace.

The decision clinching the nomination ahead of time produced surprise that Mr. Roosevelt possibly would pass to a formal acceptance speech to the Democratic National Convention, either in person or by radio.

Today, in fact, the Chief Executive may not be known to the public until the convention opens in St. Louis, but the convention is to be held in St. Louis.

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BRITISH TROOPS ENTER WRECKED CITY OF CAEN—These British soldiers are picking their positions as though rubble-filled streets of Caen in the capture of the important French port city in Normandy. The British drove the Germans out of the city on July 7.

Big Push Is Yet To Come In Invasion Of Normandy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The campaign in Normandy, now a little more than five weeks old, will appear to be moving slowly, but military men here agreed today with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's verdict that "our gains have been definite and concrete."

At D-day time there were estimates that the first five weeks would be crucial; their gains can now be summarized:

(1) The Allies came ashore with far fewer casualties than they were prepared to pay, in an operation that could have been a catastrophe if luck had been against them.

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Near Lessay And St. Lo In Bitter Struggles

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By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP)—American troops, destroyed more than 20 Nazi tanks today in smashing back heavy German counterattacks in the center of their lines, and swept forward on both wings of the 48-mile front, slugging to within two miles of the western anchor town of Lessay, and even closer to St. Lo.

The fierce repulse of German armor raised to 144 the toll of enemy tanks taken in France in the last few days.

In violent fighting, the Germans closed on St. Lo—the Germans' central bastion in Normandy—from two directions, and the Nazis counter-attacked to cover a German withdrawal to the west.

Despite the heavy German armored losses, Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's headquarters warned that "enemy armor still is strong and he is fighting back vigorously but is being worn down and given no rest."

The west wing of the American attack on the German eastern bulwark of a 48-mile battlefront, leading from the sea.

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Air Blows Lash Japs

THE PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS Pearl Harbor—U. S. Japanese bombers alone more than 400 miles from the Kuriets to Guam were held in latest advances today as targets of the Allied air.

On the sea American warships, including four destroyers, were on patrol near the Kuriets today.

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WEATHER
Partly cloudy and hot this afternoon and night with scattered showers; hot and warm tomorrow.
Today's Temperatures
12-20 P. M. 85; 10 A. M. 80; Sunset Today 7:50; Sunrise Tomorrow 6:15