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The Trap

In Battle, It Often Doesn't Snap Shut

On Monday our expert in charge of comparing current military operations to battles of the Civil War flourished General Eisenhower's exhortation to his troops in Northwestern France and recalled the days of Marso Robert and Stonewall, making history in blood-spattered Virginia. These words, he said, were of great significance:

"... You have created in France a fleeting but definite opportunity for a major Allied victory..."

And the most significant of them all, he said, was that word 'fleeting.' He recalled that there are, have been and always will be numerous opportunities for commanders in the field to turn battle into overwhelming victory—but pointed out that those glorious opportunities are not always seized. They do not wait, but slip maddeningly out of the grasp. They have eluded the greatest of commanders.

It is now apparent that this fleeting opportunity of which General Eisenhower spoke is slipping—and that he and his lieutenants must now make another. The German Seventh Army, supposedly closed in a trap, was almost there. Our failure to close the narrow corridor of escape permitted many of the enemy to retire. And when stocks began to appear two days ago explaining the difficulty of making a juncture between Canadians and Americans at such short artillery range, the story of the enemy's escape was complete.

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON (UPI)—TOM DEWEY isn't talking about it, but the men closed to the GOP Presidential nominee believe he's already squeaked through the most difficult part of his campaign in good shape. With the still twelve weeks away, Dewey has revitalized the party organization, smoothed out the elephant's hide, making the GOP work for a freable campaign.

Although not in general, Dewey was vigorously opposed to the New Deal. He was afraid too many cooks would spoil the soup; that Dewey said his toe; offend some of them.

When Dewey said he wanted to meet the 25 other Republican Governors all at once, some of his brain-trusters threw their hands in the air, begged, pleaded with him not to do so. However, Dewey and sharp-thinking, smooth-operating Herbert Brownell, his campaign manager, were determined, pointed out that the GOP Governors had to be reached at the start of the campaign if the national organization was to work efficiently.

Most anxious moment came in a St. Louis hotel suite when national photo agencies asked Dewey and Bricker to pose separately with each of the other 24 Governors. It was necessary to line up the other Governors, have them step into the picture one by one for more than two hours. During this time, Dewey's aides almost had him flip. The room looked like a barber shop, with Governors of half the 48 states lined up cafeteria style, waiting their turn.

However, Dewey kept his wits about him, took time for light conversation with each Governor as he sat down, ran through the ordeal in excellent shape.

NOTE—Big, bluff Paul Lockwood, Dewey's assistant and political intimate, who has the manners of a playful teddy bear, the political savvy of Jim Farley and the memory of an elephant, was largely responsible for seeing that Dewey missed no cues, overheard no one.

Special Train Fare

One honor committed by the Dewey camp on the St. Louis trip

won't be repeated—the faces about Dewey not using special trains. Few of his public appearances were of a special train. Dewey had his own special train, the "advance section" of a regular train, giving the impression that a couple of cars were merely added to a regular train to accommodate his party.

Real fact was that Dewey used a nice special train, completely occupied by himself, staff members and correspondents. Dewey and Mrs. Dewey had a special car to themselves. There was a work car for staff, work car for correspondents, special dining car, four Pullman cars for staff and newsmen, plus a baggage car. Schedules were made to accommodate the candidate.

NOTE—There is no reason why Dewey shouldn't have a special train. ODT has given full permission, says it will not hurt the party. It will be a long, special on all-trips, including "non-political" war-plant inspections.

Dewey And The Bosses

Folks who think Tom Dewey is simple pure when it comes to bosses should have been in Albany when he was the "unbossed" New York GOP machine choice candidate for U. S. Senator and the State Judiciary. Fact was that Dewey pulled a "Roosevelt," kissed off a candidate party much as FDR bounced Henry Wallace. Here's what happened.

Veteran progressive Republican Kingland May, whom Dewey old Guard hates, had the inside track to the Senate nomination. May told all comers he had the nod from Dewey, was even moving ahead with plans for his actual campaign.

Before Dewey left for St. Louis, he invited May to the Executive Mansion, told him in best FDR fashion how much he liked him, what a great contribution he could make to the nation. May's sailing board, even twisted Boss Ed Jackie, state chairman, about having won out, despite Jackie's opposition. However,

when Dewey returned from St. Louis, GOP machine bosses John Crowe and Tom Curran put on the heat, demanded that Dewey drop May, Dewey knuckled under. Finally, May on the phone, summoned him hastily to the Executive Mansion.

"You're a swell fellow," Dewey told May, "but you haven't been making hands with the right people." Result was May agreed to bow out.

Machine Leaders

Next, Dewey called in his old friend Thomas J. Curran, New York County Republican leader and former colleague of Dewey's in the New York U. S. attorney's office, where both worked as assistant prosecutors.

"Tom," Dewey said, "you're going to be the candidate for the Senate."

"But I don't want it," replied Curran. "I don't like Washington. I'm not sure I'm a big enough man for the job."

"You've got to take it, Tom," replied Dewey. "You've got to take it for the sake of the party."

Later, when the state committee met to choose the candidate, bosses Jackie, J. Russell Sprague, Crowe and Curran had enough prowess to choose whomever they wanted.

Cracked one veteran Chicago political writer: "This looks just like a Chicago Democratic meeting in the Morrison Hotel when word has come over from Mayor Kelly on who the candidates will be. I feel at home."

Curran was unanimously chosen. May, swallowing hard, seconded his nomination. After the meeting, Dewey sent word to May, saying, "You may have anything you want."

NOTE—When Mayor La Guardia heard about Curran's nomination, he was asked to comment. Cracked La Guardia, "Curran was a good fighter, but Bob Wagner's a great Senator."

Keep Buying Bonds

—By Doug



FDR Isn't Campaigning

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON (UPI)—IF REPUBLICANS will have to look hard to find anything to quarrel with politically in President Roosevelt's radio address from Roosevelt Saturday night, it was a geography lesson devoid of the more Roosevelt has put into his radio address in the past. He gave it almost as though he were improvising, without any of the smooth cadences which have marked his delivery in other years.

The president's association reported that he deviated from his text to praise the newspapers and radio for keeping the spirit of his message. But it had an extraordinary sound quite unlike the Roosevelt of the past.

Perhaps it was the fatigue of a long voyage. Although in the past the President has been reported to be fatigued, it is because of his illness. Perhaps it's his illness preventing him with the conduct of the war.

On his desk here he will find several urgent memoranda dealing with the problem of the home front. Within the administration there is increasing concern over the transition between war and peace. It is being realized as late as this that the war is not over. The war is not over. The war is not over.

other is not cast. This is not to say that politics and statecraft are not part of the task of the Commander in Chief. They are. In that role the President must make political decisions on a high level. He must not and could not make decisions which military men would not and could not make.

Most of us do not realize the extent to which President Roosevelt has directed the war. In his significant book, "The Time For Decision," Sumner Welles gives us a glimpse:

"To President Roosevelt himself was due both the conception of and the decision to undertake the invasion of North Africa as far back as the first month of 1942. After weighing the advantages and disadvantages of all the alternative means by which United States assistance could be made most effective toward hastening the defeat of Germany and Italy, he had reached the conclusion that North Africa offered the most promising best calculated to ensure the desired result."

I suppose when you make decisions on that scale, things here at home tend to look small and unimportant. For at such a scale, you or two from now are likely to prove, they're not small. They are, in fact, profoundly important.

Quote, Unquote

We expect the invasion of Siberia very soon. —Korean underground agent. By far the largest part of gov-



BOYLE, ST. MALO, FRANCE, Aug. 10 (Delayed)—Behind the capture of the town of St. Malo is the story of how a lone soldier, during group of 15 fantomen made a bayonet charge across 400 yards of open territory, die out. Nazis entrenched in concrete pillboxes blocking the approach to the port.

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The Germans were really in solid on the edge line we had to take to get into the city," said Platerak as he sat in a jeep at the command post behind diving forward with his men to remove some bomb-trapped letter mines, used by the enemy as roadblocks. He continued:

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In the course of his address to encourage prayer he related a number of war incidents in which he said God lent a helping hand. One of these was the sudden calm which followed the big storm on the night before the invasion of Sicily. "The ships were already on their way; they couldn't turn back and if a landing was attempted it would have been disastrous. But God lent a calm and the men were able to land."

He also referred to the invasion of North Africa, his statement that night and how he and Mrs. Knox read a prayer psalm and sang together. He also mentioned that another great crisis permitted the landing on Africa.

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Commander Auluck, the "mad-but madman" has become a matter of viewpoint. If the Nazis think it is not madness to wreck Germany and destroy the German people before they can be equipped with arms they can do so. For never, since they relinquished their liberty to Hitler, have they German people been able to control a lot of their fate.

The German people will never believe this. They have said, "If the German people want to be free, they must first be free from Hitler." They cannot revolt, and Germany like every other country which has been liberated by our arms.

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Here's One Reason Why We Could Never Lose

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