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The ship listed to starboard and the captain directed all the troops to the portside in order to counterbalance, so far as possible, the listing. There was absolutely no panic and the soldiers deserve a great deal of credit for the way they responded in the emergency. Our few casualties were evacuated speedily and efficiently from one of the after decks and prepared for abandoning ship by our pharmacist's mate who I am told did a wonderful job.

**Evacuation Started.**

The first vessel alongside was a U. S. navy salvage tug and he was a welcome sight indeed. The second was a British escort vessel whom our captain has praised highly for the splendid seamanship he displayed in bringing his vessel alongside in the choppy sea, not without damage to his own ship. These two ships seemed

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**TRIAL OPENS**—Lt. Howard E. Stittsworth; 21, (above) of Wakefield, Kas., faces a general court martial for trial at Marana Field, Ariz., on a charge of murder in the auto-plane collision death of a civilian June 22. Stittsworth, a flying instructor at Luke Field, Ariz., is accused of piloting the plane which flew low over a highway striking an automobile with its wing and decapitating the driver, Earl Nepple of Los Angeles. (AP wirephoto from army air force.)

**Order study  
 of Jap blow.  
 Pearl Harbor is  
 under scrutiny**

WASHINGTON. (AP). Navy Secretary Forrestal ordered Friday a court of inquiry to study circumstances of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The action complied with terms of a congressional resolution in which Forrestal was directed "to proceed forthwith with an investigation into the facts surrounding the catastrophe."

**German  
 savagery  
 may grow**

**Leaders of state  
 anticipate terror**

WASHINGTON. (AP). A nazi "reign of terror" thruout occupied Europe was reported officially Friday to be increasing in savagery as the enemy's desperation grows with the relentless approach of his day of defeat.

Some authorities suggested that Hitler and his gestapo leaders, in a final mad frenzy of failure, are now moving into a period of blood lust and ruin that will make the hour of Europe's liberation its darkest hour.

From Secretary of State Hull came the statement that a reign of terror has begun. In London, another state department official, Herbert Claiborne Pell, said he believed the Germans would attempt to wreck occupied Europe as preparation for another war.

From German spokesmen, meanwhile, came alternately threats of terrible destruction and soft words which the U. S. office of war information interpreted as designed to get this country and Britain to modify their demands for unconditional surrender.

**Quote Goebbels Plea.**

The OWI quoted German Propaganda Minister Goebbels as saying that in the fifth year of war all nations, including Germany, "are longing for quiet and relaxation, national progress, far-reaching social reform, economic prosperity and undisturbed happiness."

This line was linked with the traditional Goebbels blast at bolshevism, suggesting that he still hopes to split the eastern and western allies.

"We are firmly convinced that we shall be able to avert the danger threatening from bolshevism to European countries," Goebbels said.

"What, however, would the British and Americans have to gain if we were not to succeed in doing so? Germany in that case would, willingly or unwillingly, bring the most cruel revenge on those who are really guilty of Europe's misery."

Pell said that by such violence—"Beyond anything the world has seen"—the Germans would seek to weaken their neighbors permanently while they remained relatively strong.

It was the reported wiping out of the Grecian village of Distomo and mass killings of Jews in Hungary which prompted Secretary Hull Friday to denounce atrocities anew and to promise that punishment will be dealt out to the nazi perpetrators. More than 1,000 persons were reported killed at Distomo in dispatches from Ankara.

**Bury Roosevelt in  
 French cemetery**

U. S. FOURTH DIVISION CEMETERY IN FRANCE. (AP).

**Russ advance  
 from edge  
 allies push**

**Drive small  
 salients into  
 foe defense**

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Expeditionary Force. (Saturday). (AP). The American First army pushed south today with gains up to three miles, took 13 French towns and pinned down the coastal stronghold of Lessay with artillery fire and hurled back the stubborn enemy in the center with a blow that menaced the big lateral road linking up the German front.

"The whole U. S. army front from St. Lo to the sea is on the move," said supreme headquarters, and the night communique declared salients had been driven into enemy defenses before the Lessay-St. Lo road. Some of these positions were less than two miles from the highway.

The communique located the gains on both sides of the Taute river, below Auxais, from 2 1/4 to 3 miles from the highway, and front dispatches presumably based on later information placed vanguards within two miles in fighting farther east.

**Swoop Around St. Lo.**

Stalled before St. Lo, the Americans began sweeping around to the north, and supreme headquarters said one thrust carried to the outskirts of Le Mesnil Durand, three and a half miles northwest.

The biggest gains came northwest of Lessay, where doughboys sped three miles south and captured St. Germain-Sur-Ay, Lessay's harbor. Germans on a spit of land jutting out two and a half miles west had escaped the trap and fled across the Ay river.

Closing in from the north, where Americans in Beauvais, less than

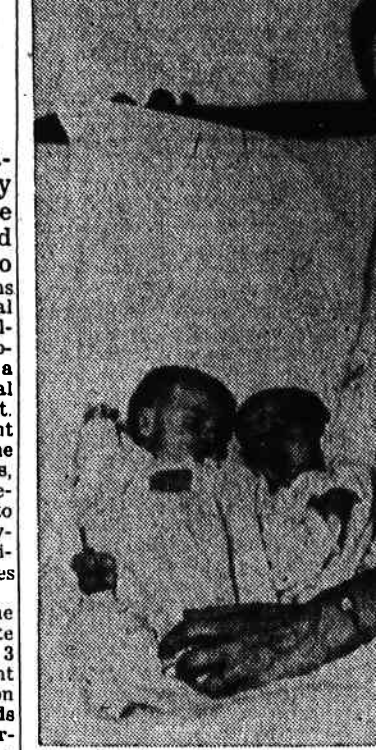
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**Demos split over  
 Wallace question**

CHICAGO. (AP). Early arrivals for the democratic national convention divided Friday into Henry A. Wallace and anti-Wallace camps on the topmost issue of a vice presidential nomination. They found themselves united, however, for a short platform with a sturdy foreign policy plank.

"It won't be Wallace," said representative Thomas d'Alesandro, jr., of Maryland, but other delegates in hotel lobby interviews declared Wallace still is very much in the picture.

The 29th party conclave will convene Wednesday to give President Roosevelt a fourth nomination.



**TWINS BORN 11 DAYS APART**—Portchester, Conn., holds her two Point Pleasant, N. J. The first was born June 27. The second was born July 8. The twins' father of Gospel Tabernacle in East

**Lincoln WAVE  
 wins plane flight**

Martha Chestem, Sp. 3/C, WAVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Chestem, 2208 No. 56th, has won a round-trip plane flight from Kansas to California for selling \$12,850 in war bonds, according to an announcement by the public relations office at the Olathe, Kas., naval air station.

Altho her regular duties are that of a link trainer instructor, Miss Chestem was assigned to a special bond detail during the cash war bond drive at the station July 1-8, and wound up by being one of the four highest of 22 WAVE "victory saleswomen" who helped swell the record total of \$135,850.

Miss Chestem enlisted in the WAVES last September and was sent to Hunter college, New York City, for boot training. She graduated from a special link trainer school at Atlanta, Ga., in December, and since then has been assigned to the Olathe air station.

According to her father, she plans to make the prize trip on

**Not scared  
 his plane**