

Vain Attempt To Kill Hitler Is Described

Slightly Wounded, Berlin Says; 13 Others Hurt

Adolf Hitler narrowly escaped serious injury or possible death yesterday in an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate him with high explosives, the German Official News Agency announced last night.

The only injuries suffered by Hitler in the blast were light burns and concussions, but three officers of his staff were severely injured and ten others, including the German artillery expert, Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl, were slightly hurt.

The announcement did not disclose the nature of the explosion or where it took place, but the United Press suggested it was possible that the locale was Hitler's headquarters and that a bomb from an Allied plane might have done the damage. It pointed out that a "near miss" from a 500-pounder would account for all of the injuries and burns suffered by the group.

A particular point made in the announcement was that Hitler was able to resume his normal schedule "at once." Immediately after the explosion it said Hitler received Mussolini and Goering.

One of those injured was Lt. Gen. Schmudt, chief military aide de camp to Hitler for several years and chief of the German army's personnel department, responsible for advising the Fuehrer on promotions and appointments.

Jodl is the 59-year-old chief of Hitler's personal military staff which the Fuehrer's own "brains trust" set up to make him independent of information from the army's general staff.

A hint that the explosion may have been caused by a bomb dropped from an Allied plane came from Berlin radio which charged that the Allies, "who have so often worked with murderous methods, once again have tried to achieve by murder what could not be achieved by fair military means."

West Coast Blast Costs \$8 Million

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20—The U. S. Navy today prepared to open a court of inquiry into the ammunition explosion which Monday night took a death toll of 322 and injured between 500 and 1,000.

While debris from the Port Chicago area was being rapidly cleared away it was estimated that property damage, caused when two ammunition ships exploded at the naval magazine dock, was roughly six million dollars. Damage to the depot itself was placed at two million.

With only four bodies recovered from the total dead, the Navy planned memorial services for enlisted men, officers and others killed in the disaster.

GERMAN ACE KILLED

The German Home News Service announced last night that Maj. Burnheller, commander of the Richtofen Squadron and one of the most outstanding German fighter aces with 102 kills to his credit has been shot down by a British pilot in Normandy and killed.

German Accent Is Almost Fatal

WITH AN INFANTRY DIV., July 20—An American with a thick German accent almost brought a barrage down on his artillery observation post recently when fellow artillerymen heard his voice over a telephone.

Pvt. Lothar Braunschweiger, of New York, new to the battalion, went on the line to the battalion CP just after another party had hung up, which added to the illusion the post had been captured.

Capt. Merrill W. Younger, of Tex., talked with Braunschweiger, and his Operations Sgt. Henry Ward, of Dearborn, Mich., listened in. Neither recognized the heavily accented voice, but before ordering the position shelled, Younger called Braunschweiger's CP and learned the voice really belonged to a Yank.

FDR Is Nominated For Fourth Term By Sen. Barkley

CHICAGO, July 20—Sen. Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky formally placed the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt in nomination for re-election to a fourth term as President of the United States today.

Barkley told the Democratic convention that the Chief Executive's leadership had been "un-surpassed, if ever equaled, in American history"; that his "record of achievement in national and international affairs" was "so amazing and successful that his friends proclaim it and his enemies dare not threaten it with destruction," and that the name Roosevelt stood today as the "symbol of freedom and deliverance" to "millions of dejected and disheartened men and women."

The delegates moved swiftly today to get the platform out of the way because arrangements had been made for Mr. Roosevelt's acceptance speech to be carried to the convention by radio tentatively at 9:15 PM (3:15 AM, Normandy time).

Selection tomorrow of a running mate appeared meanwhile to have narrowed down to a Henry A. Wallace and Sen. Harry S. Truman of Missouri.

Gov. Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, keynoting the convention last night, charged the Republicans with having "no program except to oppose" and declared that the GOP, by nominating Thomas E. Dewey instead of Wendell L. Willkie, had buried its "last vestige of liberal leadership under an avalanche of reactionary sentiment."

Infantry Task Force Captured St. Lo Only 6 Hours After It Was Alerted

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IN THE ST. LO AREA, July 20—An infantry unit task force, named "C for Charlie" and composed of troops who had been fighting for days, captured St. Lo six hours after being alerted to accomplish the mission, Col. Alfred V. Ednie, commander of the 115th Infantry Regiment, revealed yesterday.

The unit, was commanded by a brigadier general, who was wounded slightly in the battle. He has been awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster to his Silver Star.

Col. Ednie, whose "outstanding leadership and courage" in the attack won him the Silver Star, said that plans establishing the

BRITISH TAKE 12 MORE TOWNS IN BIG PUSH SOUTH FROM CAEN

Japan's Situation Worries Emperor, Tokyo Admits; Tojo Out Completely

The shakeup in the Japanese government, presumably caused by the mounting American successes, assumed the proportions of a major crisis yesterday as Tokyo radio announced that Gen. Hideki Tojo, Japanese Premier since before Pearl Harbor, had quit not only his post as Army chief but had bowed entirely out of power with his whole Cabinet.

Domei, the official news agency, said that Japan's present situation was causing Emperor Hirohito "much concern" and that the Tojo Cabinet had apologized for "the government's meagre power." Tojo's resignation, coming almost a year after the downfall of Mussolini, left in power only one of the original Axis warlords, Adolf Hitler himself.

The official explanation for Tojo's resignation was:

"The Japanese government, in the closest cooperation with imperial headquarters, has made every effort since the outbreak of war in eastern Asia in connection with the prosecution of the war. In the present difficult situation however, the need for strengthening the Cabinet with new personnel has arisen. Although the present Cabinet has used all means at its disposal, it has not succeeded in fulfilling its task

and therefore handed in its resignation to the Emperor July 13."

Tokyo radio went to fantastic lengths to assure the puzzled Japanese people that everything was going to be all right. It told how the Germans were going to raze New York and the whole Atlantic coast with new 10-ton robot bombs traveling 7,500 miles an hour.

Fresh developments in the Pacific war gave the Emperor good cause for concern: (1) U. S. ships and planes attacked Guam for the 14th and 15th straight days; (2) on New Guinea the trapped Jap 18th Army quit its frontal drive and sought to sweep the American right flank; (3) the Navy Department announced U. S. submarines had sunk 14 more Jap vessels, including two combat ships, bringing the total to 866 in the war.

Yanks 25 Miles Beyond Leghorn

Despite torrential rain which increased the hazards of mines and demolition and interfered with forward movements, Americans of the Fifth Army yesterday extended their front beyond captured Leghorn about 25 miles along the Arno River. Several patrols reached a hill less than nine miles from Pisa, strongpoint on the left flank of the Germans' Gothic line.

The threat of direct German shelling of Leghorn was removed by the clearing of hills north of the city, and sappers were restoring port facilities.

Father west, other units of the Fifth Army had cleared the town of Varna, Certaldo and San Donato, which is 16 air miles from Florence.

The Eighth Army took Radda, 20 miles south of Florence, after heavy fighting in the hills west of Arezzo, and Polish and Italian troops, who captured Ancona on the Adriatic, took Santa Maria in the war. At Ancona they found numerous ships sunk, including Victor Emmanuel's private yacht.

Russians Fighting 8 Mi. from Lwow

Bitter battle raged only eight miles from besieged Lwow in Southern Poland yesterday, while Red Army columns in the center of the 600-mile front rolled back the enemy within eight miles of pre-war East Prussia.

The beginning of the fifth week of the Soviet summer offensive saw the Russians force the Bug River on a 20 mile front above Lwow and this crossed the demarcation line adopted between Germany and Russia after the fall of Poland in 1939.

The Russians seized Krystynopol, 40 miles northeast of Lwow on the Bug's west bank, one of the points from which the Nazis invaded the USSR in June, 1941.

New Army Attacks in North

Marshal Stalin at the same time threw another army into the fighting at the northern end of Latvia's eastern border south of Ostrov. The new offensive on the right flank of the drive for Riga along the Veliki Luki railroad, tore a gap 45 miles wide and 26 miles deep into the German lines.

Other forces were ranged east and northeast at the gate of Brest-Litovsk, where the German communique furious battles north of the junction and 75 miles farther north; still other forces were less than 25 miles from Bialystok, hinge of the German's once strong Baltic defense line.

To the north, Col. Ernest von Hammer, German News Agency commentator, reported powerful forces concentrated between Vilna and Olita, 50 miles west, for an all-out assault on Kaunas.

WAR COMES TO FIFTH AVE

NEW YORK, July 20—Applying feminine psychology to its drive for more enlistments, the WAC has opened a recruiting station on Fifth Ave., decked out in blue, coral and gold and staffed by good looking WACs in the new summer uniform, set off by yellow gloves, yellow scarves and high heeled shoes.

The depot is air conditioned, contains elaborate exhibits showing the WACs in action

U. S. Patrols Cross Ay. River; St. Lo Under Fire

British and Canadian armored forces, fanning out from Caen into an arc ten miles wide, had one spearhead seven miles east in Troarn, another spearhead eight miles southeast at Vimont and another four miles due south in Bourguebus yesterday.

Twelve towns fell before the armored drive. It was led by Lt. Gen. Sir Richard O'Connor, who once was Rommel's prisoner. Rommel's forces drew back in several sectors, apparently either to prepare for a major battle in the Caen plain or to withdraw toward Paris.

At least 1,500 Germans have been captured by British and Canadian troops in Normandy in the last two days.

Outside Troarn, a British armored spearhead poured fire into strong German defenses in the railway station and swept through it toward the center of the town another column reached the outskirts of Vimont, where heavy fighting was in progress. A lightning thrust into Bourguebus was made by British tanks, outflanking remnants of German defenses along the Orne River.

Foe 200 Yds. from St. Lo

On the American front, patrols which crossed the Ay River were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the Germans in Lessay.

At St. Lo, German forces were still only 200 yards from the outskirts on the south and southwest and they continued to pour shells at U. S. troops mopping up resistance inside the city.

The Luftwaffe, making its first appearance in strength over the American sector of the front, sent over 50 planes which bombed and strafed front line positions.

American troops were driven from part of a bridgehead they had established across the Taute River, about six miles south of Carentan, after days of wading through swampy fields.

Canadian troops on the east bank of the Orne River captured Fleury and Hill 7, then drove on to seize four towns in an eastward sweep—Ils, Bras, Cormelles and Hubert Folie.

British and Canadian troops
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1,200 Heavies Hit At Oil, Bearings

In the eighth big American assault on the Reich in ten days, more than 1,200 Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, shepherded by 750 fighters, pounded aircraft and oil plants, a ball-bearing factory and other strategic targets in the Leipzig area in southern Germany yesterday.

Joining the British-based fleets for the third straight day, Italian-based U. S. planes struck an aircraft assembly plant and Diesel engine works at Friedrichshafen and the Memmingen airbase between Munich and Friedrichshafen.

Meanwhile, Ninth Air Force medium bombers and fighters surged over France to batter enemy routes to the front. Havocs, escorted by P47s, also hit rail yards at Chaunles, 20 miles east of Amiens on the line to Le Havre.

Nineteen heavy bombers and nine fighters were lost during the day's action, it was announced by USSTAF. Nine enemy interceptors were shot down by P51 escorts.

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Army Notes

Passing through a Normandy village, 1/Lt. Arthur A. Weisman, of New York, observed an American flag with only 42 stars hanging from the window of a house occupied by an elderly woman. Further investigation revealed that the flag bore an R. H. Macy & Co. label, that the French woman was an American born in New York who has lived in France for the past 40 years, that her husband and son were dead and she has been living alone for four years, that she bought the flag when the U. S. had only 42 stars and that when the war is over she is going back to Washington Heights and visit her sisters.

Shrapnel splinters aren't enough to keep S/Sgt. Darel Spicer, of Roanoke, Va., out of action. During the St. Lo push he worked 36 hours with small splinters in his hide after taking over the job of regimental communications officer with 12 men under him instead of the usual 30.

WAC Cpl. Lena Marcoux, of Fall River, Mass., has set up a beauty parlor under an apple tree in Normandy and her clients sit in an overstuffed chair (German). The shop was strictly feminine until yesterday when a captain requested—and got—a haircut, the first Lena had ever given a man.

A 30 cal. sub-machine gun taken from a German prisoner had this inscription on the barrel: United Defense Supply Corporation, New Haven, Conn., 1942.

Note to the Navy: Signs plastered by the Jerries on the walls of buildings in St. Lo inform passersby that the "U. S. Navy is useless" and that "half of the entire fleet was sunk in one period of 39 days."

If there is anything more comfortable than a dugout evacuated by the Germans you'll have to show it to Pfc Francis Fisher, of Annapolis, Md., and Pvt. Carroll W. London, of Millersburg, Ohio. They moved into one—deep, wide covered with a log roof and dirt, sheets tacked to the walls, floor covered with a mattress and two soft pillows at the end.

War or no war the doughboys have their fun. A battalion of Aviation Engineers recently gathered together in a field, listened to a few words by the chaplain before a five-piece musical outfit called the "Fifty Five" made with the boogie-woogie and a few of the boys went at it with boxing gloves. Before the show was over a crowd of French people gathered around, one of them presented the boxing victors with cognac and the engineers came back with coffee and sinkers for their guests.

Infantry Seized St. Lo in 6 Hours

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 Engineers, military policemen civil affairs officers, counter intelligence corps personnel, medics and signal corpsmen were along. "The armor joined with the infantry to consolidate three square blocks so that we could establish a command post and obtain room for maneuvering upon entering the city," Col. Ednie said. "This mission was accomplished in about an hour."
 In about two more hours, the tanks and infantrymen had advanced to the city's limits after forcing a German withdrawal to the hills overlooking the city. Infantry reinforcements arrived later and assisted in capturing 40 snipers.

N.Y. Police Checking All Draft Cards

NEW YORK, July 20—Police today turned the heat on an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Selective Service registrants, ranging from outright draft dodgers to absent-minded registrants, who have changed addresses without notifying their local boards.
 Orders went out from every precinct to detective squadrons and patrolmen stationed in public buildings to examine draft credentials of all men between 18 and 64. Those not in possession of registration cards were ordered arrested and detained for questioning by the FBI.

100 SUPER-FORTS IN MONTH
 HOUSTON, July 20 (Reuter)—Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Tex.) disclosed in a speech yesterday that the U. S. would build 100 B29 super-fortresses this month.
 He added that the U. S. now had 85 aircraft carriers and that he recently saw two 45,000-ton carriers, as big as the largest battleships, under construction in an east coast port.

FIRE IN DOUGLAS PLANT
 CHICAGO, July 20—The Administration building at the \$38,000,000 Douglas aircraft factory in Park Ridge was destroyed yesterday in a spectacular fire which for a time threatened the huge factory where four-engined C54s are built. Damage was estimated at \$1,500,000. The main plant was only slightly damaged.

CLOWNS' LAUGH SILENCED
 SARASOTA, Fla., July 20—The Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus lumped into winter quarters here today, its equipment black and blistered by the smoke and flames which brought death to 163 persons in Hartford, Conn., July 6. The "Big Top" was scheduled to return to the road again, but officials could not say when.

SHOW MUST GO ON
 OMAHA, Neb., July 20—Ma Ray Hutton, dance band leader, was granted a renewal of her "B" gasoline ration card today as that her three cars can carry her all-male band to keep army-camp engagements in the next three days.
 "We don't want to keep her from boosting the morale of the men in uniform, but also we don't want our men on the fighting front to run out of gas so the service men in the states can go to a dance," the district OPA director said.

"GOLDEN" IS RIGHT!
 RENO, July 20—County Clerk Elwood H. Beemer, who last month handled 621 divorce suits, has received a request from a woman celebrating her golden wedding anniversary, asking a donation of \$1 from each Reno divorcee as a premium to her "for having stuck to marriage for 50 years."

ARMOUR GETS NEW POST
 WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Norman Armour, late U. S. ambassador to the Argentine, is to be head of the State Department's Office of American Republic Affairs, it was announced yesterday. He succeeds Lawrence Duggan, who is resigning.

Barbara's 'Ex' No Child-Stealer, California D.A. Rules On Charge

HOLLYWOOD, July 20—Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton's pleas for a child-stealing complaint against her former husband Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow, was refused today by the District Attorney after a study was made of all evidence surrounding the disappearance of her nine-year old son, Lance.
 The former Danish count left Pasadena suddenly last month and took the child with him to Canada after dropping charges that Miss Hutton was an "infant mother." Haugwitz-Reventlow in his charges said that Miss Hutton, now the wife of film star Cary Grant, has used vulgar language in front of Lance and had "poisoned" his mind against him. Miss Hutton denied the charges.
 When the boy was not returned to her July 1, the day scheduled for him to begin six months with her in accordance with the divorce decree, Miss Hutton asked her attorney to submit possible child-stealing charges, but the District Attorney judged that the Count had violated no California law.



First ARC Club In France Open

The Club Victoire, first major American Red Cross club established in France in World War II opened last night in Cherbourg in a building which formerly housed an elaborate German officers' club.
 The club, for enlisted personnel of the U. S. armed forces and their Allies, was formally opened by Harvey D. Gibson, Red Cross commissioner in Great Britain and western Europe.

After an Engineer orchestra played the national anthem, Gibson delivered a short address and was followed by Dr. Paul Renault, mayor of Cherbourg.
 Following the ceremonies Kay Poner and Johanie Johnson, Red Cross girls who formed the first Cismobile unit in France, provided entertainment. Coffee and doughnuts were served while soldiers and sailors danced with Red Cross girls, nurses and several WACs who turned up for the occasion.

British Capture 12 More Towns

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 also captured Labrugny, southwest of Caen; Cagny and Grentheville, five miles and four miles southeast of Caen, on the road to Vimont; and three towns east of Caen near Troarn—Touffeville, Demouville and Giberville. Vaudelle, southern suburb of Caen and for days a German strongpoint was finally captured after a grim struggle.
 As the armored force rolled forward through the Caen plain toward new objectives fierce duels were fought between British tanks and German anti-tank guns. Hidden in haystacks and barns and behind hedges and walls. A strong German anti-tank screen was encountered northwest of Vimont. Belt after belt of German gun defenses tried to slow down progress along the Caen-Vimont road.

GUIDE TO BLISS
 SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 20—Prof. Victor Levine, of the Syracuse Law College, has come up with a book on marital problems to aid New York servicemen. The manual tells all the whys and wherefores of the state's marriage, divorce and annulment laws.

Major & Minors

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 6, St. Louis 5
Cleveland 7, Philadelphia 4
Detroit 2, Washington 4
Chicago 5, Boston 4
W L PCT. GB
St. Louis 49 38 563 —
New York 44 37 543 2
Boston 44 41 518 2
Washington 41 43 489 6 1/2
Cleveland 42 44 488 6 1/2
Detroit 42 44 488 6 1/2
Chicago 37 42 468 8
Philadelphia 37 47 440 10 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn 10, Cincinnati 5
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2
Boston 6, Chicago 1
Only games scheduled.
W L PCT. GB
St. Louis 55 23 505 —
Cincinnati 44 37 543 12 1/2
Pittsburgh 41 35 539 13
New York 40 41 494 16
Philadelphia 35 43 449 20
Brooklyn 35 46 432 21 1/2
Chicago 32 44 427 22
Boston 33 47 413 23

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Baltimore 8, Jersey City 2
Montreal 7, Buffalo 4 (1st)
Montreal 12, Buffalo 8 (2nd)
Only games scheduled.
W L PCT. GB
Montreal 48 37 565 —
Baltimore 46 36 548 1 1/4
Jersey City 45 41 528 3 1/4
Buffalo 45 42 517 4
Newark 45 43 511 4 1/4
Toronto 44 45 494 6
Rochester 39 48 445 10 1/2
Syracuse 34 51 400 14

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Columbus 10, Indianapolis 3 (1st)
Columbus 4, Indianapolis 0 (2nd)
Louisville 5, Toledo 4 (1st)
Toledo 3, Louisville 1 (2nd)
Kansas City 4, St. Paul 2 (1st)
St. Paul 17, Kansas City 0 (2nd)
Milwaukee 4, Minneapolis 3 (1st)
Milwaukee 6, Minneapolis 2 (2nd)
W L PCT. GB
Milwaukee 64 28 696 —
Columbus 54 32 628 7
Toledo 52 36 591 10
Louisville 52 39 571 11 1/2
St. Paul 45 39 536 15
Minneapolis 33 53 384 28
Kansas City 26 59 306 34 1/2
Indianapolis 25 63 284 37

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1 (1st)
Los Angeles 4, San Diego 3 (2nd)
San Francisco 2, Seattle 0 (1st)
Seattle 1, San Francisco 0 (2nd)
Sacramento 2, Oakland 1 (1st)
Oakland 2, Sacramento 0 (2nd)
Portland 3, Hollywood 1
W L PCT. GB
Oakland 55 47 539 —
Los Angeles 55 48 534 1/4
San Francisco 53 50 515 2 1/4
Seattle 52 51 505 3 1/4
Portland 51 50 505 3 1/4
San Diego 50 55 476 7 1/4
Hollywood 49 54 478 7 1/4
Sacramento 46 56 461 9

MANUSH FINED

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., July 20—Tommy Richardson, president of the Eastern League, said today he had fined Heinie Manush, manager of the Scranton club, fifty dollars for conduct unbecoming a manager on the playing field, for using strong language and for inciting fans. Richardson said he notified the former major league star a bigger fine and suspension would be handed down if there was a recurrence of the incident.

Yankees Trip Browns, 6-5; Chisox Win

ST. LOUIS, July 20—The Yankees and Browns today were ready to go at it again in the third game of the fight for first place in the American League after the Eombers evened the series at one game apiece by shading Luke Sewer's men, 6-5, last night at Sportsman's Park. The result left St. Louis with the same two-game lead they held over the run-up Yankees when the series got under way.

The Browns took a 5-2 lead off Ernie Bonham in the fifth when Outfielder Chet Laabs tripped with two aboard but the Yankees bounced back with four in the seventh to win the game. Johnny Lindell's three-run homer started the uprising and when Nick Etten followed with a single Sig Jakuski, Brown's hurler, went to the showers. Singles by Don Savage and Mike Milosevich sent Etten across with the winning run.

After 11 previous failures, the White Sox finally succeeded in turning back the Red Sox, 5-4. The Chicagoans needed five runs in one inning and a double play to snuff out a Soxos rally to win. Mickey Rocco's home run and Ken Keltner's four-for-four led the Indians to a 7-1 decision over Bobo Newsom and the Athletics. Errors Beat Nats

In Detroit, the Tigers beat the Senators, 2-1, in one of those games that drives managers to drink. With the score tied at 1-1 the Bengals scored the winner in the 10th on three straight errors. Dutch Leonard walked his rival pitcher, Tubby Overmire, to start the frame and after Joe Kuhel fell trying to field Joe Hoover's bunt and George Myatt kicked away Eddie Mayo's double play, Doc Cramer then grounded to Kuhel whose throw to the plate beat Overmire but Catcher Rick Ferrell dropped the ball and Manager Ossie Bluege passed out in the dugout.

In the National League, the idle Cardinals protected their handsome lead by the simple expedient of watching the second-place Reds lose to the Dodgers, 10-5, and the third-place Pirates bow to the Phils, 4-2.

The Dodgers rose to new heights in whipping the Bucs, driving the league's leading pitcher, Bucky Walters to the showers in the third after nicking him for eight hits and five runs. Walters escaped the loss, however, when the Reds tied the score with Arnold Carter on the hill.
 In the only other N. L. game played the Braves trounced the Cubs, 6-1, with Nate Andrews rocking up his 10th victory. Connie Ryan, Braves' All Star second baseman who enters the Navy next week, presented Andrews with a working margin when his long double in the sixth drove in two runs.

Dodger Boosters Still Back Bums

BROOKLYN, July 20—The group of loyal Dodger fans who organized two weeks ago during Brooklyn's disastrous 15-game losing streak, met in solemn conclave last night and gave overwhelming approval to the term "Bums" as a nickname for their beloved Flatbush team. Hilda Chester, the loudest Dodger fan of them all, was elected president of the "Flock Boosters."

FIRST FIDDLE FIRST
 BOSTON, July 20—First Fiddle galloped home three quarters of a length in front of Alex Barth in the tenth running of the \$50,000 added Massachusetts Handicap over a mile and a furlong at Suffolk Downs yesterday. About 30,000 fans who bet \$243,000 on this richest of New England races saw Alex Barth, an 8-1 outsider, fade before First Fiddle's stretch speed. Eddie Guerr's aboard Alex Barth, was fined \$200 for interference with First Fiddle although his action failed to disturb the winner's even stride.