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NEW CAMPAIGN THEME BY GOP

Washington.—(P)—The Republicans appeared today to have developed a new campaign theme to offset Democratic claims of "experience" by proposing to put younger and fresher men in national offices from the presidency on down.
More to Be Said

Although national committee officials said it was mere coincidence that three high ranking party members have sounded this note recently, an influential Republican declared there was no doubt that if President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York become the opposing nominees much more will be said on the subject.

Dewey himself brought the matter up inferentially in his April 27 speech on foreign policy in New York when he blamed "tired war leaders" for the failure to make a lasting peace after the last war.
Will Stress Experience

There has been every indication that the Democrats will stress the experience of their officeholders as one of their major campaign points.

National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan has advanced this argument in several speeches, asserting that the Republicans were offering "untried" men for positions of great responsibility in wartime. He added at Chicago this week that his best information was that President Roosevelt, who has been in the south resting after an attack of bronchitis, is in splendid health.



LIEUT. LEROY A. RUDER

Lieut. Ruder Is Awarded Air Medal

Brig. Gen. Murray C. Woodbury, commanding a combat wing in the Eighth fighter command, has presented the Air Medal to First Lieut. LeRoy A. Ruder, 216 Point Basse avenue, Nekoosa.

The P-51 Mustang pilot received the award for "meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of 10 operational sorties or the equivalent thereof over enemy occupied continental Europe."

Before the presentation, General Woodbury praised this fighter group for its successful bomber escort mission to Berlin, March 6, when 20 enemy aircraft were destroyed without the loss of a plane.

Forty-two pilots of this fighter group, commanded by Lieut. Col. Donald W. Graham of Oakland, Calif., were decorated at the ceremony.

The flyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruder, live in Nekoosa.

St. Joseph's Is Among Hospitals to Have Penicillin

Washington.—(P)—The war production board today named the hospitals in Wisconsin which have been selected to serve as depots for the

WARN YANKS OF IMPENDING JAP AIR BLOWS

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea — (P)—

American invaders of Dutch New Guinea were on the alert today against expected counter blows by Japan's well-trained navy fliers.

As headquarters announced two amphibious landings which pushed the Yanks as far back as 40 miles west of Hollandia, a spokesman sounded a precautionary note. He said there were indications the Japanese are throwing their naval aviation strength—their best pilots are reputed to be navy fliers—into northwest New Guinea sectors guarding the approaches toward the Philippines.

Only Sporadic Activity

So far, only sporadic enemy air activity has been reported in the Hollandia-Atitape sector, where American invasion forces have captured five airdromes within bombing range of the Philippines and killed more than 800 Japanese.

Today headquarters disclosed that a week ago a small amphibious group of the U. S. Sixth army landed at Demta, a village 40 miles up the coast from Hollandia and 16 miles beyond the previous westernmost holding of the Americans at Tanahmerah Bay. Another amphibious force landed the same day at Torare Bay, 12 miles west of Hollandia. That is between Tanahmerah and Humboldt Bays, the points

where big invasion forces opened the swiftly-concluded pincers drive into Dutch New Guinea April 22.

Very Slight Opposition

The two new landings, so lightly opposed that they resulted in the killing of only two Japanese, were intended both to cut off coastal routes of retreat for any wandering groups of the enemy and to consolidate the American positions. Several of the Japanese groups are surrendering, one band of 20 giving themselves up to a truck crew.

Navy Planes Again Pound