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The Allied communique declared that operations on the Arakan front to the south were "particularly successful" yesterday, an English battalion capturing "an important village position, inflicting heavy casualties, southwest of Rutherford."

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There was no tendency here to place undue significance on this action, which was merely a local improvement of position, but it was the first successfully aggressive Allied ground action since the great attack upon Cassino to the west bogged down in failure. Allied airmen continued hammering at Nazi supply lines, flying 1,700 sorties Friday and downing 31 enemy airplanes.

Padiglione is in the central sector of the beachhead. Beyond this encounter, there was little important activity on the sun-bathed Italian front. The Germans showed no signs of moving from their defensive positions, and patrols moved back and forth between the two lines from the Adriatic to the beachhead.

Occasional shells kicked up the dust in Cassino, and there was considerable shelling along the Garigliano River. Guns dueling

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actions. He probably will criticize the United States attitude towards Spain, Poland, Italy, and Argentina. He probably will indicate increasing pressure to be advised next week when Congress returns Wednesday from a 10-day holiday. Hull is expected to be present to the foreign relations committees of the House. He will state this country's plan for an international organization promised at the Moscow conference last fall. While Allied diplomats to forestall anticipated efforts to force Sweden to use her shipments of ball bearings and mechanical equipment. Prior to the first and Steyr bombings, ball bearing shipments daily declined as a result of pressure. On the other part, the Allies returned to Page 15)

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committee appointed national Chairman Harrison Spangler recommended that the delegation to the national convention name one man for membership platform writing resolution committee. The special committee headed by Mrs. Chris of Blue Earth, Minn., met at a national conference last January. The plan is subject to convention approval, but Spangler said that he plans to call a delegation group to meet in Chicago June 26.

Next week will see delegates on a large scale in both Alabama and Illinois. There will be selections day except Monday, with Alabama naming 154 in six districts while the Republicans are their 142.

Two Primaries Set

Two primaries are set in Alabama and Illinois on Tuesday and little national interest is shown. Wendell L. Willkie's withdrawal from the race narrowed the presidential contest to such party leaders there to wind up ultimately in the hands of Gov. Dwight D. Eisenhower. His name is on the pref ballot because his declaration of independence

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