

BRITAIN READY FOR HITLER TO START BLITZKRIEG

Compulsory Training Bill Advanced



Judging by this comely British... it must be a pleasure to ride London's buses these days. Her work frees men for active service.

PLUMBERS' MEET STARTS TOMORROW

Thirtieth Annual Convention Of Association Will Be Held At Beach

The North Carolina Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors will open its thirtieth annual convention at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach, Thursday morning.

Possibilities for the improvement of the plumbing industry will be the most outstanding topic of discussion during the convention.

Several prominent sanitary engineers and plumbing and heating contractors will speak on various phases of this subject during the meeting.

The convention will be called to order Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and the first business session will start immediately. J. W. Thurman, of Rocky Mount, state president, will preside.

Speakers on the program will be introduced by C. C. Davis, of Wilmington.

The program will be as follows: Address of welcome: Dan J. Herwin, mayor of Wrightsville Beach.

Address of welcome: Thomas E. Cooper, mayor of Wilmington.

Response: Jack Rogers, Asheville.

Introductions: Thurman.

Three minutes will be allotted representatives of manufacturers who wish to have the floor.

This session will be recessed at 12:45 o'clock after the announcement of committees.

Attendance prizes will be drawn at each business session.

At 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon a boat ride up the inland waterway will be held for the ladies attending the convention.

From 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock that

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Senate Arms Group Okays Revised

Asks Registration Of 42,000,000 Men, Draft Of 1,500,000 First Year

BASE PAY SCALE SET

Measure Is Expected To Be Ready For Senate Consideration Next Week

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Compulsory military training moved a long step nearer reality today when the senate military committee approved a revised Burke-Wadsworth bill providing for registration of 42,000,000 men, of whom 1,500,000 would be drafted in the first year.

Details remained to be worked out, but in the main the measure calls for:

1. Registration of all males between 18 and 64.
2. Actual conscription of about 1,500,000 men between 21 and 30 during the first year, starting Oct. 1, 1940. There are an estimated 11,500,000 between these ages.
3. A training period of one year for those selected.
4. Base pay equal to that of the lower grades of the regular armed forces, starting at \$21 a month.
5. Later draftees to be chosen from the 21 to 45 age groups.

Consideration Preceded
Senator Sheppard (D-Tex.), chairman of the committee, predicted that the measure would be ready for senate consideration next week. Sheppard did not announce the committee vote, but said there were "few dissenting" voices.

In explaining the measure to reporters, Brig. Gen. W. E. Shedd, assistant chief of staff, said that the men would be classified for exemptions by local boards, similar to the World War draft boards. Men with families, he said, or men employed in national defense work would be placed in deferred groups.

The war department contemplates that youths between 18 and 21 and men between 45 and 64 would be available for home defense service. Legislation providing this probably will be submitted to congress later.

The job of training the draftees, Shedd said, probably would require the services of the entire national guard. He added, however, that mobilization of the guard would require other legislation.

Could Volunteer
The committee measure would not interfere with voluntary enlistments in the army, navy and marine corps. Men eligible for the draft also could volunteer for the one-year training period.

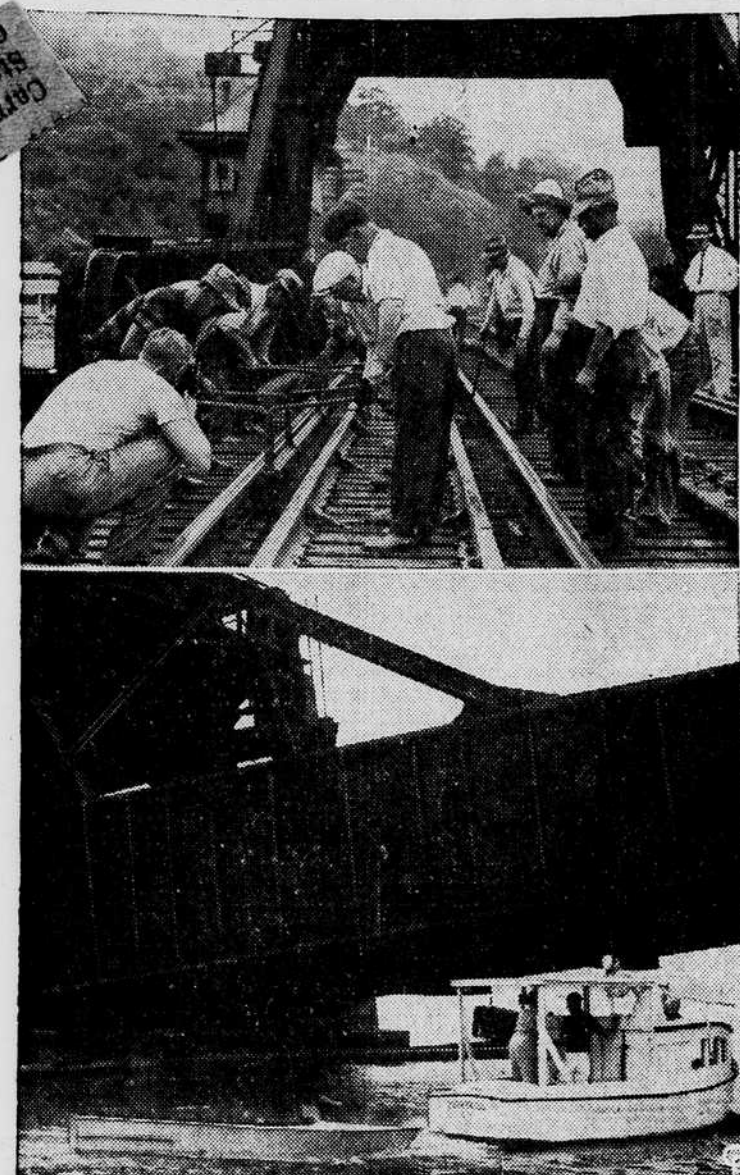
If world conditions become worse, General Shedd said, "we might have to train more."

The President might have authority under the measure to determine the age groups to be registered and the ages and numbers of men to be actually trained. After a year of training, a draftee would be assigned to a reserve unit for 10 years, or until he reached 45, and would be subject to additional training.

It was apparent that the legislation would encounter some opposition in the senate. President Roosevelt and ranking army men have endorsed selective service, but a

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\$5 "Yacht" On \$525 Voyage



Thirty men move railroad tracks back so the drawbridge over Annsville Creek, near Peckskill, N. Y., can be opened, to let Mrs. Raymond Douglas' second-hand five-dollar "yacht" chug past. It costs the N. Y. Central Railroad \$525 to move the bridge, but by law the craft must be permitted to go through. Mrs. Douglas is at the helm, her husband beside her, with their daughter on the "sun deck" of the Dottie.

Earl Long Is Indicted On Embezzlement Count

OTHERS FACE CHARGES

Action Involves Payroll 'Deadheads' During Gubernatorial Campaign

NEW ORLEANS, July 23.—(AP)—Former Governor Earl K. Long was indicted late today by the parish grand jury on embezzlement charges involving payroll "deadheads" during the February gubernatorial campaign.

Indicted with him were three former members of the dock board and the former assistant to the board's general manager.

Three indictments, charging embezzlement and extortion to the five men, some of them among the most prominent in the city, were returned by the jury whose investigation of a "special" board payroll began after Governor Sam Jones took office May 14, succeeding Long.

Others
Named in the indictment with the former governor were:

I. B. Rennyson, real estate broker and board member from 1929 until this year.

L. J. Vaccaro, vice president of the Standard Fruit and Steamship company, board member from 1932 until this year.

Herbert J. Schwartz, president of the Maison Blanche company, New Orleans department store, and a

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U. S. Proposes Joint Mandate Over Islands

Proposal Is Submitted At Conference Of American Republics In Havana

RAILROAD SUGGESTED

Americas Would Act As Trustees Of European Holdings In Hemisphere

HAVANA, July 23.—(AP)—The United States proposed today that all American republics join in a mandate over European possessions in the western hemisphere to keep their sovereignty inviolable until Europe's war is over or eventually to give them independence.

At the same time, Bolivia was reported seeking a transcontinental South American railroad which would act in emergencies as an auxiliary to the Panama Canal in moving troops and guns from coast to coast.

Early Action

The joint trusteeship over European colonies in the new world was envisioned in a draft of a convention offered less than a day after the conference of American foreign ministers opened. Broadly, it proposed:

1. That the Americas act as trustees of the European possessions in this hemisphere.
2. That mandates over these possessions be temporary and that they be returned to their original sovereigns as soon as possible or granted their independence.
3. That the joint mandate commission be set up to make recommendations for any military and naval protection deemed necessary to protect the territories from an outside menace.

In a resolution designed to act as a stop-gap until the trusteeship is in operation, the United States foresaw the possibility that some one nation might have to act independently to offset a change in the sovereignty over the European colonies.

However, the resolution declared such action would be provisional only and the affected colony would be given to the mandate commission as soon as possible.

The proposed railroad line would run from the Brazilian coast on the Atlantic to the Pacific coast of Chile, and would be effected by filling in gaps between existing lines, it was said. The resolution points out that only about 4,000 kilometers (about 3,000 miles) need to be built for the projected road.

The first article of the United States proposal affirms the principle of non-recognition and non-acceptance of any change of sovereignty over any European possessions in this hemisphere.

The proposal also insists that any action regarding European possessions must be a joint American affair. It stipulates that each American republic must be represented on a commission for actual government of the colonies during the mandate period.

Inhabitants of mandated territories would be allowed the "most ample" control possible over their internal affairs.

The convention must be ratified by each nation before it is effective. Its accompanying resolution was designed for any situation arising from the change or threatened change of the sovereignty of the colonies which might come before the convention is operative.

TRIAL OF MILLIS POSTPONED HERE

Dunk And Louella Brown, Charged With Jackson Murder, Are Acquitted

Upon the plea of Aaron Goldberg, defense attorney, that he has had insufficient time to prepare a defense, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn yesterday granted a continuance until next term in the case of David Millis, charged with statutory rape.

The judge at first ruled against Goldberg's request, but District Solicitor David Sinclair intervened and said the state had no objections to the continuance.

Sinclair added he wanted to have the sheriff make a further investigation into the affair before it.

REPORTS OF ACTIVITY IN HOLLAND, BELGIUM INDICATE DRIVE NEAR

Nazis Say Britain Must Face Tornado Of Terror

'WEAPONS WILL SPEAK' British Report Raids On Nazi Plane Plant

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—Air attacks last night on the aircraft factory at Bremen, an airfield at Paderborn and military targets in the Ruhr, including a synthetic oil plant, by aircraft of the bomber command were reported today by the air ministry.

The air ministry said the Focke-Wulf aircraft works at Bremen was bombed "for the second night in succession," and added that German airbases at Bielenfeld, Eschwege, Handorf and Diepholz were attacked.

"The oil plant at Hamburg and Krupp's ammunition works were among other targets but drifting clouds made impossible any accurate observation of the results of the bombing," the ministry said.

WELLES CRITICIZES RUSSIA FOR GRAB

U. S. Will Not Recognize Absorption Of Baltic Nations Into U. S. S. R.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—The United States, roundly criticizing Soviet Russia for "annihilating" the political independence of three Baltic republics, made known today it would not recognize their absorption into the Soviet system.

Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state in the absence of Secretary Hull, spoke out at a press conference against "the devious processes" by which he said Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were to be deprived of their freedom by "one of their more powerful neighbors."

The acting secretary did not mention Russia by name, but he left no doubt in any one's mind as to his meaning. Newly elected parliaments in the Baltic republics had voted in recent days, following Red army occupation of their countries and an intensive propaganda campaign, to seek union with the Soviet.

"The people of the United States are opposed to predatory activities no matter whether they are carried on by the use of force or by the threat of force," Welles declared in the prepared statement.

He read to newsmen. "They are likewise opposed to any form of intervention on the part of one state, however powerful, in the domestic concerns of any other sovereign states, however weak."

Serving notice that this government would continue to stand by these principles, he said that unless the doctrine underlying them once again governed the relations between nations, the basis of modern civilization itself could not be preserved.

Welles added, in response to a question, that the United States would continue to recognize the ministers of the Baltic republics as ministers of sovereign governments now under duress.

Victims Of Nazi Raider Are Landed In B. W. I.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, British West Indies, July 23.—(Canadian Press)—Seventeen survivors from freighters sunk in the western Atlantic by a German raider were landed here today. Forty-one others had reached Bridgetown Saturday.

The men said a portion of the crews had been taken aboard the raider.

(Last week 41 survivors from the British freighters King John and Davian reached the French island of St. Barthelmy, reporting their vessels were sunk 400 miles to the east. The British admiralty followed this news with the announcement that a converted German merchant vessel was the raider.)

F. D. R. Gives Views On Party Bolters And Wilkie Replies With Sharp Jabs

more to dollars than to humanity; that and Reed was well qualified to lead dissenting democrats.

The President was first asked whether the word "bolt" properly described Burke's offer of support for Willie. He made the remark about the party bolting Burke and then grinned until a roar of laughter at his answer had subsided.

Burke was defeated for renomination in the Nebraska primary by Governor R. L. Cochran.

Mr. Roosevelt was reminded, he said, of Lew Douglas and Johnny Hanes by an inquiry about how he regarded "this dissent of Jeffersonian democrats"

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BRITAIN IS PREPARED

Germans Are Concentrating Military Supplies In Western Lowlands

IS READY FOR SIEGE

Nazi Planes Continue Attacks On Ports From Scotland To The Thames

LONDON, July 23.—(AP)—Britain, barricaded behind a growing wall of preparedness, waited watchfully but confidently tonight for Adolf Hitler to start his blitzkrieg.

Reports in neutral sources of "greatly increased activities" in Dutch and Belgian dockyards and railways indicated that her great port may not be long coming.

These reports, unconfirmed in British quarters, said the Germans apparently were concentrating military supplies in the western lowlands—a logical jumping off place for a mass invasion.

Britain Strong

Taking stock of her position against efforts of German warplanes and commerce raiders to create a starvation blockade, Britain found herself strong in ships, food, men and wealth.

Naval experts declared the island kingdom had more destroyers now than when the war started, despite the loss of 26.

Even if the Germans intensify their submarine campaign, Food Minister Lord Woolton declared, Britain will not starve because "we have stocks to stand a long siege."

Lord Woolton asked American newspapermen tonight to tell the United States there is no food shortage in Britain, "because people over there still want to send us parcels of food."

He estimated that the harvest in continental Europe would not be more than 70 per cent of normal this year and declared that "this business of starving people out may work the other way around—we've still got a navy."

Troops Ready
War Minister Anthony Eden declared Britain had 1,300,000 home guard troops ready and reported that reorganization had re-equipped French, Belgian, Czechoslovak, Norwegian and Polish soldiers now in Britain was making "good progress."

Long-time American residents of Britain are forming their own "home guard."

British recognition of a new government for "free Czechoslovakia," headed by Dr. Eduard Benes, a former president of the dissolved republic, was announced by the Czechoslovak national committee.

Warplanes roared both ways across the English channel.

Nazi planes, apparently picking British harbors as their principal targets, bombed ports from Scotland to the Thames Estuary and British fighters repeatedly raced out to sea, apparently to intercept aerial squadrons attacking convoys.

An admiralty tabulation for the week ending July 14 acknowledged that "enemy action" had sunk nine British ships totalling 23,963 tons, four Allied ships totalling 7,335 tons and six neutral ships totalling 20,734 tons.

In their own raids, the air ministry said, British fliers Monday sank a German anti-aircraft ship in a raid on the Norwegian port of Bergen, hit German airfields, factories, barge concentrations and docks.

Contracts For \$200,000 Worth Of Supplies Let

RALEIGH, July 23.—(AP)—The state board of awards today let contracts for approximately \$200,000 worth of supplies, principally for state highway and public works needs.

Purchases for state prisons included 76 refrigerators to be furnished by Westinghouse Electric Supply company of Raleigh at \$31,584.84.

Carolina Tractor and Equipment company got two contracts totaling \$77,753 to furnish 10 crawler type tractors and 15 motor grades. N. C. Equipment company of Raleigh got two contracts totaling \$34,236 to supply 32 leaning wheel graders of 4,400 to 4,600 pounds and 14 leaning wheel graders of 5,500 pounds. Dillon Supply company of Raleigh, was awarded contracts for \$3,214.71 worth of miscellaneous stock.

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida: Generally fair and continued warm Wednesday and Thursday except for a few isolated thunderstorms in late afternoon.

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Many Shocks From Static Electricity Noted Here

A "shocking" condition which has existed in Wilmington for some time grew worse during the past several days as dozens of citizens received severe electric charges when boarding buses and private automobiles.

It all started when the city put the new coat of asphalt on Front street.

Almost daily now, reports are received that persons entering one of the Tide Water Power company's buses receive a shock when they touch the vehicle with their hands. The condition has also been found to exist in taxicabs and private automobiles.

The shocks are not, of course, of sufficient intensity to burn or to

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cause injury, but cause much disturbance among commuters in the buses.

C. H. McAllister, an electrical engineer for the Tide Water Power company, said last night the shocks are due to static electricity generated in the friction between the car's rubber tires and the sticky surface of the asphalt pavement.

As the speed of the wheels' rotations are increased, he said, the electricity is generated at a more rapid rate and the metal body of the bus becomes charged—acting something like a condenser—and stores up the electricity.

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