

THICK WEATHER HALTS GERMAN RAID ON LONDON

Draft Registration Scheduled October 16

Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Since that time, about a year ago, when the citizens of California went to the polls to vote down mob confiscation of private property and a further proposal to repeal the American form of government and elect a dictator I have intended to comb both the constitution and the Declaration of Independence for any mention of the words "democracy" or "democratic" Procrastration is no mere hobby but more nearly an occupation with me so this task has not been accomplished until today, when I am able to report that the founding fathers, in their conservative wisdom, had no intention to found a democracy. On the contrary, they distinctly affirmed their determination to "guarantee to every state a republican form of government." Nowhere in either document will you find any reference to democracy, and the experiences of the Californians who, twice in three years, had to whip themselves into a snivel to save their sub-republic from destruction by the democratic process vindicate the judgment of those early patriots.

Unlike us who thoughtlessly permitted ourselves to glorify democracy in the days of 1917-18, not pausing to examine whereof we prattled, and who have continued ever since to praise the name of a system which would be fatal to our freedom, the founders of the nation pointedly rejected it. Democracy is not a representative form of government, and, in reflection, the reasons become apparent why the Nazis and Fascists vilify us for our ignorance in exalting a system which we do not practice and would hate as fiercely as they do, should we try. When we say "democracy" we don't know what we are talking about, but they do, and, giving us credit for more sense than we possess, they think we must be crazy, when we are only ignorant.

Victims Of Ballyhoo

We have confused ourselves and taken victims to the ballyhoo of the party which was in power during the first World war and which used its own misnomer as an ideal and to which that party never has attempted to practice democracy, and, even now, in its trend to national socialism would not dare devote democracy except as a catch-word and in the knowledge that the people never have paused to examine its meaning. We live under a superstition that democracy is the guarantee of the republican liberties which exist nowhere else in the world but in this republic. The communists, naturally, have urged us toward democratic follies, knowing that it is unworkable in a land as vast and having so large a population as this one. That was the reason why in California the communist party and the communist C. I. O. indorsed and worked for a 15,000-word amendment to the state constitution which would have named a dictator, abolished all rights guaranteed and preserved only by the republican system and caused a shanty brawl.

The initiative and referendum was looked upon as a sound reform 25 years ago, and certainly the intent

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FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; slightly cooler in central portion Tuesday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)
Temperature
1:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 65; 1:30 p. m. 73; 7:30 p. m. 73; maximum 82; minimum 62; mean 72; normal 73.

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 90; 7:30 a. m. 93; 1:30 p. m. 95; 7:30 p. m. 95.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., none; total since first of the month, 2.19 inches.

Tides For Today
Wilmington High 10:35a 5:09p Low 10:26p 5:25p
Masonboro Inlet High 7:52a 1:47p Low 8:13p 2:08p
Sunrise 5:57a; sunset 6:10p; moonset 6:51p; moonset 6:45a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, at 8 a. m., September 15, 15.7 feet.

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Conscription Bill Is Signed By Roosevelt

Says Nation Marshalling Strength To Avert Fate Of Weak Nations

COOPERATION URGED

Nation's Chief Says 'America Stands At Cross Roads Of Its Destiny'

By RICHARD L. TURNER
WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—President Roosevelt signed the draft act today, fixed Oct. 16 as registration day for 16,500,000 of young Americans now subject to compulsory military training, and asserted that the United States was marshalling its strength to avert "the terrible fate of nations whose weakness invited attack."

Volunteer Provision
Mr. Roosevelt, moreover, emphasized a section of the act and a phase of the building up of the army which received much discussion in congress—the voluntary enlistment system. All between 18 and 35, inclusive, he said in a formal statement, will be offered an opportunity to volunteer for a one-year period of service and training, and those who offer themselves—provided they are suitable—are to be accepted before any others are inducted.

Will Select Men
The local boards will select sufficient men from among those available for immediate service to fill the quota for the area. Those so selected will undergo physical examinations and, if they pass, will be inducted into service for one year.

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6,693 Local Men Slated To Register For Draft

Taking the United States war department's calculations as a measuring rod, there are approximately 6,693 men in New Hanover county between the ages of 21 and 35 who will have to register for the army draft.

Castor Bean Production Experiments Are Planned In Wilmington Section
With the disclosure yesterday that experiments in the growing of castor beans are planned in this section, the possibility that a new industry may be developed in southeastern North Carolina appeared.

Ready Camps For Nation's Citizen Army



America on guard! Bayonet fixed, eyes ahead, mouth determined, this modern American doughboy symbolizes the national resolve to prepare the U. S. for all eventualities.

Guard Mobilized Here; Recruiting Is Planned

MEN TO BE EXAMINED

Wilmington's approximately 450 national guardsmen—called to the colors for a year's active service for the first time since the World War—were busy last night making preparations for about 10 days in camp here and for final recruiting activities before leaving for their camps in Georgia and South Carolina.

Company I, 120th infantry, under the command of Captain J. Ernest Cheek, received its travel orders yesterday, it was learned last night. The company will leave Wilmington Sunday morning at 7:40 o'clock for one year's training at Fort Jackson, near Columbia, S. C.

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Italians And British Fight Within Egypt

Troops Meet In 110 to 120 Degree Heat; Italian Losses Heavy

BRITISH BOMB TRUCKS

Almost All Egyptians Removed From Regions Threatened By Fighting

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Italian soldiers marching into Egypt in a swiftly-developing desert battle for empire are fighting British advance troops in 110 to 120-degree heat and thus far have suffered heavy losses from the withering British fire, it was officially reported tonight.

Motorized Units Clash

Battles between British and Italian motorized units in the desert took place in the almost unbearable heat, with the combatants limited in some cases to scant supplies of water.

RAYBURN ELECTED SPEAKER OF HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Escorted by President Roosevelt and sorrowing congressional colleagues, the body of Speaker William B. Bankhead was taken tonight to his home town of Jasper, Ala., for burial tomorrow.

TEXAS DEMOCRAT IS NAMED SUCCESSOR TO BANKHEAD WITHOUT A CONTEST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A general Texas democrat, Rep. Sam Rayburn, was elected speaker of the house of representatives by acclamation today—the second man in history to win the post without a contest.

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plant is found practical here, a processing plant will be built in this vicinity, in which the various products made from the castor bean will be manufactured. Numbered among these, in addition to the new insecticide, are oil and a number of by-products.

HUGE ASSAULT CUT TO LONE BOMB BLASTS

English Informants Say Invasion Attempt By Nazis Beaten Off

LISBON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—British informants arriving here by plane from London declared today that a small scale German attempt at a landing somewhere along the English coast last week was beaten off with heavy losses to the would-be invaders.

AIRPORT MEETING SLATED TOMORROW

A meeting of the county board and the aviation committee appointed several weeks ago will be held at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, following a motion to that effect yesterday afternoon by the county commissioners.

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AGREEMENT PERMITTING JAPAN TO LAND TROOPS IN INDO-CHINA EXPECTED

French officials admit privately that negotiations—already approved in principle by Vichy and Tokyo—are likely to result within a few days in agreement permitting Japan to establish perhaps 25,000 troops on Indo-China soil.

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Landing back at his headquarters in an undisclosed village in Normandy, northwestern France, Goering was quoted as saying: "I am glad I made my air force such a strong weapon. It was the decisive force in Poland and Norway and undoubtedly it will play a similarly decisive role in the war with England."

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REYNOLDS TO INSPECT ISLES LEASED BY U. S.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina rested here today preparatory to an aerial inspection tour of British islands where the United States has obtained leases for naval and air bases in exchange for 50 over-age destroyers.

SECOND NATIONAL GUARD CALLS MADE

War Department Orders 35,700 More Men Into Service On October 15

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