

# U. S. PREPARES FOR POSSIBLE TROUBLE IN PACIFIC

## Germans Stage Violent Raid On London

### Forty Areas Hit; RAF Fires Center Of Krupp Factory

#### CHURCH STRUCK

Steady Procession Of Bombers Results In Many Casualties In The City

#### WALES ATTACKED

Bombs Upset Buses, Capital Trembles From Explosions, Anti-Plane Fire

LONDON, Oct. 10.—(Thursday)—Forty areas of London were showered with high explosive and incendiary bombs dropped by a steady procession of Nazi warplanes overnight, and among the objects struck were a famous church, one of the city's oldest hotels and a promenade known the world over.

There was a mounting list of casualties, including many killed. Simultaneous raids were carried out against Wales, southwest and northwest England. They all were heavy but nothing like the battering London was experiencing.

**Brief Respite**  
Early this morning London had a brief respite, but the raiders were back again with a concerted effort to pierce the curtain of steel hurled skyward by anti-aircraft batteries.

Great high-explosive bombs and incendiary "breadbaskets" upset buses, struck at rail lines and spread fire and debris from one end of London to the other last night and early today.

From northern enclaves to southernmost tip, the capital trembled with the shock of the exploding bombs and the shuddering crash of an incessant anti-aircraft barrage.

So intense was the din that it was at times almost impossible to tell which noises were those of bombs and which were those of the defensive guns.

As an example of the severity of

### MANY LAWMAKERS LEAVING CAPITAL

Believe Little Major Legislation Will Be Considered Before Nov. 5

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Many members of Congress were leaving town tonight on the assumption that little, if any, major legislation would be considered until some time after the general election, Nov. 5, unless an emergency arose.

An indication that the senate already lacked a quorum was seen in the fact that it skipped its usual noon roll call today.

Technically, however, the plans of congress were still uncertain. In the senate, there had been proposals for an agreement calling

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## Germans Claim London's Railway Lines Smashed

BERLIN, Oct. 9.—(AP)—German bombers smashed railway communications vital to the job of supplying London today, informed sources declared, in new aerial assaults upon Britain.

Hit, too, said DNB, the official German news agency, was a gas coastal city; an airport near London, and a merchant ship lying in an east coast harbor.

At the airport, it was said, hangars and barracks were destroyed. All this capped an earlier announcement by the high command that a single German fighting plane had scored several hits on a British troop transport in an attack upon five ships, all "fully occupied," moving about 125 miles off the Scottish coast under

#### HAMBURG BURNING

British Pound Large Naval Base At Wilhelmshaven With 15 Tons Of Bombs

#### FIRES GUIDE RAF

Invasion Ports, Particularly Calais, Damaged During Extensive Attacks

LONDON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Britain's night bombers have set ablaze the center of the great German Krupp works at Essen, left the oil refineries in Hamburg a ring of spreading fire and pounded the naval base of Wilhelmshaven with more than 15 tons of bombs, the air ministry disclosed tonight.

Sweeping in over the glowing, newly bombed "invasion coast," waves of Royal Air Force bombers struck deep into Germany last night for a series of assaults that rivaled any previous foray.

First of all, the bombers swept in from the North Sea on Bremen. Officials said the raid began at 8:15 p. m., and "for the next hour and a half the whole area was systematically bombed with high explosives and incendiaries."

"The docks were repeatedly hit. Fourteen fires were started in the first part of the attack," the official narrative said.

At the sprawling port of Hamburg, the raiders attacked in waves. "From the reports received," said the air ministry, "it is clear we were obtained a ring of fire was seen spreading after an attack, as though there was a leakage of petrol (gasoline) from one of the tanks ignited."

At the Krupp works, the bulletin said, a salvo of bombs, "falling in the center of the target, set fire to several buildings. Other bombers used the fires to guide them to the plant."

The invasion ports, particularly Calais, got it hard. The harbor at Calais was bombed for eight hours; quays at Flushing, The Netherlands, were attacked heavily; direct hits were reported scored on the docks at Le Havre; Boulogne's searchlights were smashed.

A factory which makes nickel alloys for Germany's planes and submarines was raided "successfully" east of Frankfurt, officials related, and a single sider laid a line of bombs across the mole at the naval base of Brunsbuttel. "A string of large fires" flared up.

Over Bremen, the ministry added, the air was heavy with flying debris, and fires were set raging. (In Berlin, DNB, the official German news agency, reported that a British mass attack on the port of Hamburg had been thrown back before it reached the city proper.

In Bremen, it was added, British planes dropped bombs on the edge of the city. (In the assault upon Hamburg, the agency claimed, only a residential district in a village near the city was hit. In the Bremen attack, DNB asserted, there were similar results.)

### WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

**FORECAST**  
North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: Fair, continued cool Thursday; Friday, fair with slowly rising temperature.

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**Tides For Today**

### Britain's Bombers Break With Rumania

Considered 'Inevitable' Because Of Nazis' Threat To Occupy Oil Fields

#### CONFERENCE IS HELD

Talk Between English Envoy, Antonescu Brings 'Only Negative Results'

BUCHAREST, Oct. 9.—(AP)—A break in British-Rumanian diplomatic relations "now is inevitable," British quarters declared tonight, as a result of what they contend is a threat of partial occupation of the oil-rich Balkan kingdom by German forces.

This turn in the already badly-strained relations between the two countries followed a long conference at which British Ambassador Sir Reginald Hoare sought in vain to obtain from General Ion Antonescu, Rumanian chief of state, a satisfactory explanation of the entry of Nazi troops into Rumania.

**"Negative Results"**  
Associates of the grey-haired British envoy, who left the conference looking extremely grave, said the talks produced "only negative results."

Furthermore, they said Antonescu told the ambassador nothing to reassure him about the future of Britain's position in Rumania. British sources had said earlier that unless such assurances were forthcoming a diplomatic break would be more than likely.

Today's conference was arranged by Sir Reginald after receiving what the British called an "unsatisfactory" written explanation of the German troop movements.

**Troops Welcomed**  
British informants said they had received reports that German troops in force had been welcomed by Rumanians at the Hungarian frontier, despite Rumanian government protestations that only a limited num-

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### PROBE OF LUNDEEN DEATH IS ORDERED

Hoover Says Employes Of FBI Did Not Have Senator Under Surveillance

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The senate today ordered an investigation of the airplane crash in which Senator Lundeen of Minnesota and 24 others were killed and almost simultaneously received word from J. Edgar Hoover that employes of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, also killed in the accident, did not have the senator under surveillance.

The inquiry was approved with the adoption of a resolution by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), which, senate attaches said, carried an

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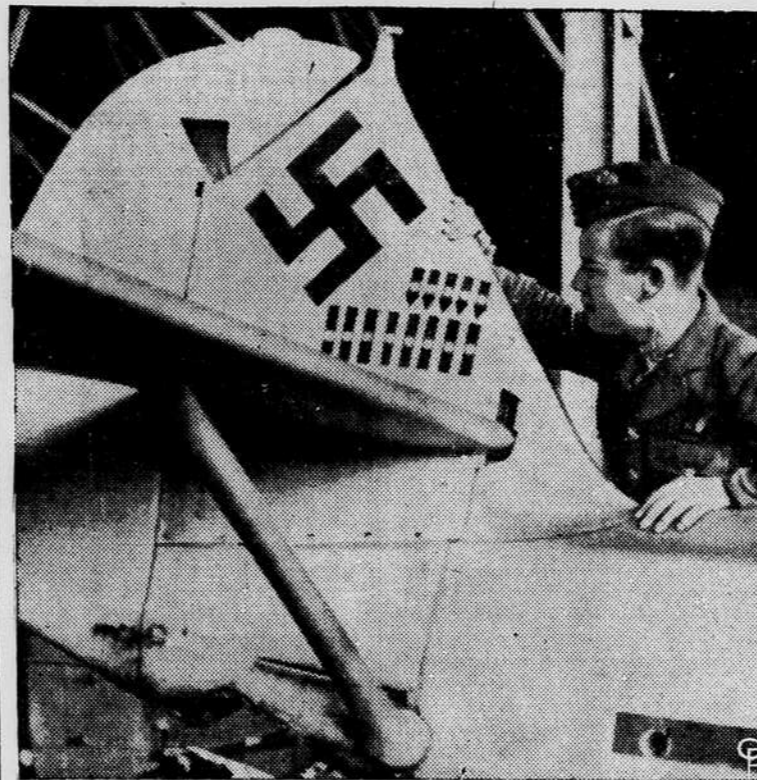
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Wilmington High 4:47p Low 12:00p  
Masonboro Inlet 3:06a 9:11a  
3:41p 9:47p  
Sunrise 6:13a; sunset 5:45p; moonrise 2:40p; moonset 1:03a.

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### A Nazi's Unlucky 13



A member of the British Royal Air Force examines the tail of a German plane brought down during a raid on England. According to the marks which number the planes shot down, the airman had bagged 13 enemy aircraft before his turn came.

## Business Club Asks Body To Secure Arms Projects

### BANQUET HELD

Group Cites Need For Adequate Defense Along The North Carolina Coast

A resolution asking that a quasi-public corporate entity be formed to seek and secure some of the national defense projects for Wilmington and vicinity and that the expenses of the organization be provided jointly by the city and county was adopted by the Better Business club of Wilmington at its semi-annual banquet at the Cape Fear hotel last night.

Adoption of the resolution followed a talk on "National Defense," by Lieut. Col. William VanDyke Ochs, commandant of the New Hanover High school ROTC unit.

**Defense Needed**  
Citing the need for adequate defense along the North Carolina coast, the Business club expressed appreciation for the efforts of the city and county governments and other officials, stating, however:

"It is the opinion of the members of this association that to assure more positive and continuing favorable results, all such activities should be centralized under the auspices of one quasi-public corporate entity underwritten by all interested citizens

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### BUILDING OF NAVAL RESERVE IS URGED

Cooper Calls On Young Men To Seek Enlistment In Proposed Local Unit

Enlistment of young men in Southeastern North Carolina in the volunteer reserves of the U. S. Navy for home defense purposes was urged by O. F. Cooper, lieutenant commander, retired, in a talk before the monthly dinner meeting of the Propeller Club of

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## Dykstra Considers Draft Director Post Question

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, took under consideration tonight the question whether he would accept the job of draft director.

Dykstra conferred with President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Stimson during the day. Talking to reporters afterward, he did not say the post actually was offered him, but asserted that the President had discussed it with him. It was a matter requiring "some considering," he added.

Lieut. Col. Lewis B. Hershey has been temporarily directing the military conscription program. Should Dykstra be appointed be-

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## Better Water Supply Parley Planned Here

Board Will Meet With Official Of Underground Supply Engineers Friday

#### PROPOSED BY WADE

Water In City Mains Has Less Salt Content Than Any Time Since Thursday

With the city in the midst of one of its worst water shortages in history, the board of commissioners made plans yesterday for a meeting Friday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time means of obtaining a permanent fresh water supply will be discussed.

A representative of a company of underground water supply engineers will be present for the purpose of explaining how the city can avoid any like crisis in the future.

**Recommended By Wade**  
Plans for the session were made on the recommendation of James E. L. Wade, city commissioner of public works, who also reported at yesterday's meeting of the city board that the water in the city mains now have less salt content than at any time since last Thursday.

He reported that a total of 25 locations in the city have been made available to the consuming public where fresh water free of salt can be obtained for cooking and drinking purposes. He reported the salt content in the water in the city mains for the past seven days as follows: Thursday, 700 parts per million; Friday 1080; Saturday 1400; Sunday 1140; Monday 1040; Tuesday 975; Wednesday 850.

Light rains on the Cape Fear watershed and a drop in the level of the high tides are expected to bring a further drop in the salt content of the water, he said.

**"Temporary"**  
In making his report, Wade pointed out that all the work being done now to provide fresh water for the people of the city to drink "is but temporary, as the records will dis-

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## DATE FOR ARMORY MEETING IS ASKED

Mayor Cooper Wants City And County Commissioners To Consider Project

Mayor Thomas E. Cooper said last night that he has requested Addison Hewlett, chairman of the county commissioners, to set a date for a joint meeting of the city and county boards soon so that definite action on the armory-auditorium project may be taken.

He said that he expected the meeting will probably be held some time Friday.

The request for an immediate conference between the two governmental units on the proposed joint sponsorship of the project followed a report by James E. L. Wade, city commissioner of public works, to the city board yesterday morning at which time tentative plans for the structure were presented.

The armory-auditorium would be built through WPA aid as a part

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## War Interpretive

Tension in the Far East over Burma road developments get the headlines in this country, but it concerns Britain's war leadership. It is there, not in the Far Pacific, that the next important and dramatic development of the Axis-British war seems slated to come.

A rare opportunity is offered Mussolini to take the center of the stage away from his Axis mate, Hitler. He is scheduled to address a gathering of young Fascist volunteers in Padua today (Thursday) at the conclusion of his trip to inspect Italian troops.

If Hitler and Mussolini, in the course of their recent Brenner Pass conference, made any plans to in-

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## KNOX REPORTS FLEET TO BE STRENGTHENED

### SHIP LINES BOOKED

Steamship Offices Besieged By Americans Fearful Of Gathering Crisis

#### LIQUIDATION BEGUN

Three Thousand Expected To Be Taken Out Of Orient Early In November

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.—(AP)—With passenger liners already heavily booked far in advance, travel agencies and steamship offices were besieged today by Americans fearful of the gathering United States - Japanese crisis in the Orient.

Many American businessmen, accepting the state department's counsel to get out of the Orient, started liquidation of their holdings, and church societies stepped up arrangements to assemble their missionaries who wish to leave at likely points of embarkation.

**3,000 May Leave**  
How many of the 9,000 Caucasian Americans and 2,000 nationals of Oriental stock would depart was uncertain, but it was reported that 3,000 might be removed on the liners President Coolidge and President Pierce in early November.

It was said that state department representatives were trying to get shipping board approval for the two United States liners to carry only American citizens on the early November trips to the United States. Many Europeans and Jewish refugees now have reservations.

United States naval and marine officials declined to discuss plans for removal of service families. It was reported, however, that a transport might be sent soon to Shanghai.

Besides about 1,200 marines composing the American defense forces in the Shanghai International Settlement, the United States has a small garrison at Tientsin.

**Surprised**  
A Tokyo dispatch quoted the Japanese foreign office spokesman as expressing surprise at the Americans' home-going. "We can't understand the necessity of it," he said, asserting that Japan had no intention of advising her nationals to leave the United States.

The American-owned Shanghai newspaper, China Press, declared that Washington and Tokyo had fixed their courses and that "a headlong collision appears inevitable unless one of them changes its course—but if there should be any turning about the chances are it won't be the United States."

Weighing the Chungking central Chinese government's position in the light of any Japanese-American war, it predicted that Japan would quickly seize all undefended American interests in the Orient, but that the United States' superior resources eventually could crush Japan and force her out of China.

The Shanghai stock market recorded a drop of from three to five points from yesterday's close. Some observers expressed anxiety lest Japanese army leaders, regardless of official Tokyo's attitude, move against the British crown colony of Hongkong, on the South China coast to retaliate for Britain's decision to reopen the Burma road Oct. 17 to war supplies for China.

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### ANSWERS QUERIES

Does Not Concur In Statement That New Deal Fears War In Fifteen Days

#### TENSION IS EASED

Tokyo Expresses Surprise At U. S. Move To Get Nationals Out Of Orient

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Navy continued today to prepare for a possible emergency in the Pacific, but a slackening of diplomatic activity appeared to reflect diminished tension generally in administration quarters over the Far Eastern situation.

Secretary Knox announced after talks with high naval strategists during the week that the personnel of the fleet now in the Pacific would be reinforced immediately to raise it to full strength. He said 4,200 men would join the fleet at once and sail back to Hawaii with the warships now on the West coast undergoing repairs.

**Answers Question**  
At the press conference at which he announced the fleet reinforcement, Knox answered a number of questions concerning the Far East situation.

He said he did not concur in a published statement that the administration feared war with Japan in 5 days. "I don't think anybody knows," he added.

A number of officials showed lessened pre-occupation with the Orient as a potential danger spot. Responsible in some measure for this was Japan's reaction to the British notice that the Burma road would be reopened for supplies to China and also Japanese reaction to the state department's advice to Americans in the far East to consider coming home.

**Japan Quiet**  
There was no apparent tendency in Japan to magnify the Burma road decision as an incident likely to lead to immediate drastic reprisals.

At the same time the Tokyo foreign office spokesman, Yakichiro Suma, expressed surprise at the American move to get nationals out of the Far East. He said "we can't understand the necessity of it," and added that Japan had no intention of advising Japanese in the United States to return home.

## BAILEY SUPPORTS AIRPORT PROJECT

Senator Says He Is Seeking Funds For Work At Bluethenthal

Senator Josiah W. Bailey yesterday wrote The Star-News to the effect he is "supporting with all earnestness the proposed airport at Wilmington."

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## Willkie Offers Program To Aid 'Little Business'

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Outlining a six-point program designed to rebuild "little business," Wendell L. Willkie said tonight that the new deal has been "stepping on the neck of the little businessman—the druggist, the grocer and the little manufacturer."

"The biggest companies can't expand much," the republican presidential nominee told a crowd on the New Haven green. "But the little companies must expand and must multiply if we are to put our people back to work. This is the only way by which we can make enough new jobs."

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