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State Agents Probe Bryan Disappearance

WILL SEARCH SWAMPS

SBI Director Handy Asks War Department For Troops to Aid Hunt

MISSING SIX WEEKS

Plan to Search Wilmington, Beach, Camp Davis Swamp Lands Told

The six-week-old disappearance of Mrs. E. C. Bryan of Carolina Beach, who, with her four-year-old daughter, Mary Rachel, dropped mysteriously from sight on the night of May 10, held the attention last night of local and state authorities as Frederick C. Handy, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, announced from Raleigh that he had "reason to fear" that the woman and child had been victims of foul play.

Simultaneously, Mr. Handy revealed that yesterday afternoon he had telegraphed the War department in Washington, D. C., requesting the aid of at least 200 Camp Davis soldiers to comb swamp lands in the vicinity of Carolina Beach, Wilmington and Camp Davis.

Interviewed by telephone from Wilmington last night by The Star, the SBI director said that two SBI agents had been working in New Hanover county for the past ten days in an effort to "break" the Bryan disappearance. He refused to divulge what information or clues the agents had uncovered, which, presumably, led to the request for army assistance in scouring the swamp lands of this district.

Going to Store

Mrs. Bryan, a comely 36-year-old woman, wife of an Atlantic Coast line freight office employe, left her beach home about 9 o'clock on the night of May 10, saying she was going to a nearby grocery store to make some purchases. At the last minute before the woman left the house the mother's little daughter joined her mother. Mrs. Bryan and Mary Rachel drove off in the family's Ford coupe.

They have not been seen nor heard from since.

Mr. Bryan first reported the disappearance to Carolina Beach authorities about three hours after his wife and daughter had failed to return home. A check of the grocery store developed the fact that Mrs. Bryan had not reached there.

On May 11, at the request of Carolina Beach police, sheriff's deputies joined the hunt for the missing pair. A systematic search was conducted of the forests between the beach and Wilmington, and for two days a private airplane was used to scout from the air little-traveled country roads.

For the first week after the disappearance, Wilmington city police, deputy sheriffs and Carolina Beach authorities dragged the Cape Fear river and numerous small inlets and the inland waterway on the possibility that the woman, child and car had plunged into deep water.

F. B. I. Investigates

Seven days after the disappearance the Federal Bureau of Investigation through its Wilmington

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SBI PROBES DISAPPEARANCE



The State Bureau of Investigation has entered the investigation seeking some solution to the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. E. C. Bryan of Carolina Beach, and her four-year-old daughter, Mary Rachel, it was announced last night from Raleigh by Frederick C. Handy, SBI director. The state director said there was reason to fear foul play had visited upon the mother and daughter, and disclosed that he had asked for permission to use 200 or more Camp Davis soldiers to search certain swamp lands in this vicinity. Mrs. Bryan and her daughter dropped from sight May 10.

JACKSONVILLE CAMP APPROVED

President Authorizes 200-Unit Trailer Facility For Onslow County Seat

President Roosevelt yesterday approved plans for the establishment of a 200-unit trailer camp near Jacksonville, according to an Associated Press dispatch received from Washington.

The trailers, which were requested by the Jacksonville office of the Farm Security administration, will provide quarters for defense workers and farm families who have been forced out of their homes because of the establishment of the large U. S. Marine corps training base in Onslow. They are expected to be located a short distance north of Jacksonville. Application for the temporary housing units was filed more than two months ago.

Tract Acquired

The FSA recently acquired a large tract of land about two miles north of Jacksonville and will erect 80 pre-fabricated houses there. Twenty of the units are now nearing completion and are expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of the week. They are scheduled to be used by defense workers and farmers who formerly resided within the area of the Marine base.

According to the Associated Press dispatch, the trailers will be used

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'British Assurances' Suggested by Gen. Wood

CHICAGO, June 23. — (AP) — Gen. Robert E. Wood, chairman of the America First committee, questioned today whether America should continue aiding Britain "without some assurance that everything we send will not be relayed to Stalin in accordance with Churchill's pledge of aid."

"With Stalin—the mortal enemy of small democracies—now in the picture, and with Finland fighting on Hitler's side, new questions of national policy are presented which our government must decide at once," he said in a statement.

"In the name of the four freedoms are we now to undertake a program of all-out aid to Russia?"

REVOLT RUMORS HEARD BY FINNS

Russia's Northwest Frontier Threatened by Latvia, Estonia Revolution

HELSINKI, Finland, June 23.—(AP)—Actual of impending revolt in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and a Finnish army facing Leningrad were declared by anti-Soviet sources today to be threatening Russia along her northwestern frontier.

Reports for revolt in Lithuania and a call for an uprising in Latvia were broadcast to the Baltic area by the Lithuanian radio and the German station at Koenigsberg, East Prussia, Latvia was reported under rigid martial law.

Estonia, third of the little Baltic states absorbed by Russia last summer, was expected by Baltic political exiles to revolt with the approach of Nazi armies.

Will Maintain Neutrality

Official Finnish spokesmen declared Finland would maintain neutrality as long as possible. Finland protested to Russia against bombing of Finnish objectives by Soviet airplanes and received a promise from Soviet Minister Pavel Arlov of explanations from Moscow.

The Finnish army command asserted tonight that a Soviet battery at Punnampi fired yesterday on a Finnish trawler leaving Pesaamo fjord, but the vessel was not hit. The shells were said to have fallen "comparatively far" from the ship.

The communique also asserted that on the same day in Mirsalampi, in the Immmajae district, Soviet

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CARE IN HELPING RUSSIA ADVOCATED

Legion Commander Urges U. S. to 'Go Mighty Slow' In Assisting Soviets

DURHAM, June 23.—(AP)—The national commander of the American Legion, vigorously reaffirming his organization's stand against communism, told cheering North Carolina Legionnaires today that the United States should think twice before rushing war materials to embattled Russia.

Speaking at the state convention of the Legion here, Commander Milo J. Warner of Indianapolis, Ind., said that, despite the Nazi invasion of the Soviet, "Russia has been and so far as I know still is the breeding ground of Communists."

"And we just don't like Communists in this country," he shouted.

He said he thought the consensus of the legion was "that we go mighty slow in getting supplies to

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WEATHER

FORECAST:

North Carolina and Georgia.—Considerable cloudiness Tuesday and Wednesday with scattered showers Tuesday.

Temperature data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday: (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 76; maximum 80; minimum 70; mean 75; normal 75.

Humidity:

1:30 a. m. 98; 7:30 a. m. 92; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 88.

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.08 inches; total since the first of the month, 2.41 inches.

Temperature:

(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

High Low

Wilmington 9:30a. 4:30p.

Masonboro Inlet 9:55p. 4:37p.

Temperature 7:15a. 1:20a.

7:30p. 1:20p.

Sunrise 5:01a.; sunset 7:27p.; moonrise 5:04a.; moonset 7:15p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. June 23, 9.40 feet.

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Air Raids Continue By British

RAF Blasts Channel Coast For The Thirteenth Successive Night

LONDON, June 23.—(AP)—Britain's airforce darkened the channel twilight sky with planes and blasted the invasion coast anew tonight in acceleration of the violent aerial offensive which indirectly supports the Russians on the distant Eastern front.

The attack carried into the thirteenth successive night the offensive which an American Army observer declared already had won England "absolute supremacy" in the air over northern Europe.

The observer said he had seen photographic evidence that destruction by the RAF in the Reich had far outstripped damage to London in the German blitz last fall.

The roll of heavy explosions was heard on the Kent coast tonight. After many planes had flown toward Calais, observers said that it seemed at times as if the sky were filled with British aircraft.

One reporter telephoned from the southeast coast that the British were dropping "big stuff" which was even more thunderous than the Western front bombardment in the last war.

In one section, people lined the cliffs to watch squadrons flying toward Boulogne and later heard shattering explosions across the channel. While the raid continued scores of RAF fighters patrolled the channel.

Nazi Planes Downed

Eleven German planes were shot down over northern France and the channel, making the day's total 18. Four British planes were lost—two fighters and two bombers.

This brought to 74 the number of German planes reported shot down in three days.

German losses in eight days over France and the channel were announced as 116 against 29 RAF planes missing.

Soviet sources expressed "Russia's approval and heartfelt thanks for the heavy raids dealt on Germany's industrial sections and the supremacy of the air which now belongs to Britain."

They added that they were most pleased with Prime Minister Churchill's speech yesterday offering aid to Russia, especially passages in which he "underlined the vilany of the Nazi regime" and "pledged the help of the great free British empire."

No Opposition

The American observer said that in the 100-mile arc from Dover swinging across France and the Low Countries there was "no effective opposition by day or night to the Royal Air Force." The specter of invasion, he said, had been "effectively banished" for the first time since it appeared in June, 1940.

Higher Estate And Gift Taxes Are Recommended

WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—Higher estate and gift taxes, estimated to yield approximately \$113,700,000 more than current rates, were recommended tentatively today by the House Ways and Means committee as part of its plan to raise \$3,500,000,000 additional revenue annually.

The committee figured that these levies, together with the new individual income and corporation taxes already tentatively agreed upon, would produce a total of about \$2,940,000,000.

It is proposed to raise the remaining \$600,000,000 needed to attain the \$3,500,000,000 goal by excise

Southern Coal Operators To Meet With Mine Union

WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—The Southern soft coal operators and the United Mine Workers union will meet tomorrow morning for a final decision on the signing of a two-year wage agreement covering the Southern Appalachian field.

John L. Lewis, union president, said that the meeting, which may determine whether there is to be a contract or a shutdown in the Southern field, was arranged for tomorrow at the request of the operators who originally were scheduled for a final meeting with the union tonight.

Reds Destroy 300 Nazi Tanks Capture 5,000 Berlin Troops; Germans Claim New Advances

NAZI PLANES BUSY

Carry The War in Opening Stages to Unidentified Black Sea Sub Base

MOVE ON BESSARABIA

High Command Says All Operations Are 'Proceeding on Schedule'

(By The Associated Press) BERLIN, June 23.—The German advance against Russia is progressing swiftly and according to precise schedule, the people were told by Nazi military leaders today.

Speed in attacks and even more speed in following up and exploiting every advantage were said to feature the mighty Nazi offensive along 2,000 miles of battlefront.

Sub Base Bombed

German bombers carried the war in its opening stages yesterday to a Russian Black Sea submarine base, unidentified, where oil stores were set afire, said DNE, official German news agency. The attack was intense, likewise the defense, it was said, for minor damage was acknowledged to a few German planes.

The Luftwaffe "very successfully continued" the attack on Russian army airports during the day, informed sources said. DNE, tabulating Sunday's air battles over Poland, reported 85 Russian planes shot down.

The news agency also said the German-Rumanian advance into Bessarabia was continuing. Its military report told of Nazi infantry units breaking through Red fortified lines in many places, with hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of one unidentified village.

Familiar Picture

The descriptions of the fighting painted for Germany a now familiar picture. Prisoners were coming in, armored detachments were charging forward in a general offensive, bombers—level and Stuka—roared and screamed.

The first actual pictures of the action showed the smoke of many fires rolling over the steppes and marshes.

The high command, with economy of phrase, characteristic for this stage of a campaign, summarized all operations, it was said simply, were "proceeding on schedule and successfully."

While there were rumors that this or that great city had been captured

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NAZI'S PATTERN OF ATTACK



The Nazi pattern of attack on Russia, marked by map, above, indicates that the German invasion is pointing at the rich granary of the Soviet Union—the Ukraine—while a spearhead is being driven northward through the Baltic states, to meet Finnish troops moving on Leningrad industrial center, from the north.

LOSE BREST-LITOVSK

Total of 127 Nazi Planes Downed in First Two Days of War

FRONT IS EXTENDED

Communique Does Not Reveal Depth of German Penetration in Russia

MOSCOW, Tuesday, June 24.—(AP)—Soviet troops colliding with the mechanized fury of the German army on a front extending from the Baltic to the Black Seas destroyed 300 Nazi tanks and captured 5,000 German troops, the Red army high command announced early today.

The fall of Brest-Litovsk on the Bug river in former Poland near the German-Russian frontier was acknowledged but the main German offensive was branded a failure by Moscow.

Planes Downed

A total of 127 German planes was claimed shot down in the first two days of war. Seventy-six were shot down Sunday and 51 yesterday, the high command said.

"During the day the enemy strove to develop his offensives along the whole front from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea, directing his main effort toward Shaulai, Kaunas, Grodno, Volkovisk, Kobrin, Vladimirvolynsk, Ravarusska and Brody, but met with no success," the communique said.

"... All enemy attacks in the direction of Vladimirvolynsk and Brody were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy."

Nazis Ousted

The Russians said they had driven the Germans out of Russia at one point.

"In the Shaulai and Ravarusska direction, the enemy in the morning pierced into our territory but was defeated in the afternoon and driven by our counter-attacks beyond the state frontier," the communique said.

"In the Shaulai area about 300 enemy tanks were destroyed by our artillery fire.

"In the Byelostok and Brest-Litovsk directions the enemy succeeded in forcing our covering units to withdraw after fierce fighting and in occupying Kolno Lomzha and Brest-Litovsk.

"Our air force carried out successful operations in protecting our troops, airdromes, populated areas and military objectives, against enemy air raids and cooperated in the counter-attacks of our land forces.

Planes Downed

"During the day our aircraft and anti-aircraft artillery shot down 51 enemy planes over our territory while one enemy plane was forced down by our fighters on an airdrome near Minsk.

"During June 22 and 23, Soviet troops captured about 5,000 German officers and men.

"According to the latest information 76 and not 65 enemy planes—as stated in the communique of the Red army high command for

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INTERNATIONAL AT-A-GLANCE

(By The Associated Press) Russia declared today (Tuesday) that the broad German offensive from the Baltic to the Black sea was a failure but acknowledged that the German legions had captured the fortress city of Brest-Litovsk, where Germany once forced the Bolsheviks to yield a big chunk of land.

The Moscow communique said the Red army had captured 5,000 German officers and troops in two days and had destroyed 300 Nazi tanks.

The Red army high command also said 127 German planes had been shot down in the two-day war, 76 Sunday and 51 Monday.

The Germans strove to develop their offensives along the whole front from the Baltic to

BRITISH DRIVE DEEP IN SYRIA

CAIRO, Egypt, June 23.—British motorized columns, after driving 150 miles over ancient caravan trails, have reached the important desert garrison of Palmyra, in the heart of Syria, and the British command announced today, "are now meeting with resistance from a Vichy column."

Damascus, 140 miles northeast of Palmyra, is astride the northern pipeline from the Mosul oil fields to the Mediterranean coast. An important trading center since ancient times, it is the junction of several strategic desert transport routes.

Informed sources, emphasizing the new importance given the Syrian campaign by its position on the southern flank of the Russian-Ger-

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NAVY PLANS MOVE TO END WALKOUT

Will Begin Signing Shipyard Machinists on Civil Service Rolls Today

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—(AP)—In a two-fold effort to end a 45-day strike of machinists in shipyards with \$500,000,000 in warships and other emergency contracts, the Navy tomorrow will begin signing machinists on civil service rolls and Bethlehem will sign a closed shop contract for the major struck plant.

Striking CIO machinists termed the Navy's move a "strike-breaking agency." AFL machinists will vote Wednesday night on what at-

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U. S. May Give Material Aid To Reds In New War

By J. C. STARK WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—The United States cast its sympathies officially on the side of Soviet Russia in the new conflict with Germany today and opened the definite prospect of lease-lend or other material aid to the Red forces.

A government declaration issued on behalf of President Roosevelt by Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, asserted that the principles and doctrines of "communist dictatorship" were as "intolerable and as alien" to the American people as were those of "Nazi dictatorship."

"Chief Dangers"

But it branded Adolf Hitler's armies as "the chief dangers of the Americas" and said that "any defense against Hitlerism" and "any rallying forces opposing Hitlerism from whatever source" would hasten the downfall of German leaders and "rebound to the benefit of our own defense and security."

Russia has not yet asked for lease-lend aid from the United States, Welles explained, and until such a request is received the American government is withholding any decision on the question.

He pointed out, however, that President Roosevelt had full authority under the act to extend lease-lend aid to all countries de-

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Contract For Pre-Fabricated Housing Units Given To Green

Awarding of a contract for 475 pre-fabricated houses to Green Lumber company of Laurel, Miss., announced yesterday by the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, brought to 1,275 the total number of defense housing units authorized for Wilmington.

The Green company will construct houses for shipyard workers at a cost of \$1,350,900.

Another contract for 300 housing units let to T. A. Loving and Company of Goldsboro calls for an expenditure of \$758,475.

Before erection of the pre-fabricated houses can begin, contracts must be awarded for preliminary work on the site, such as grading, construction of water, sewerage and power lines, and seeding of the lawns. Housing Authority officials stated.

Bids for this type of work will be asked within the next week, it was stated, and a 10-day period will be allowed before the bids are opened and contracts awarded.

It was said that the Mississippi lumber firm will supervise install-

DEFENSE BOND Quiz

Q. What is a U. S. Defense Savings Bond?

A. This bond is proof that you have loaned money to the United States Government for national defense. Your bond bears interest at the rate of 2.9 per cent a year, if held to maturity (ten years).

Q. Why should I buy Defense Bonds?

A. Because money talks. To dictators it speaks defiance. To friends of freedom, it says, "Here's my hand!"

Note.—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Poland Might Make Peace With Russia

LONDON, June 23.—(AP)—General Wladyslaw Sikorski, premier of the Polish government in exile, hinted before the Polish national council today that his government might make its peace with Russia.

"The Polish-Russian question which might have shadowed the outlook of many a friend of ours in the west I believe may disappear from international politics."

(Half of Poland was occupied by Soviet troops during the 1939 German campaign.)