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Big Army Fund Bill Approved

Measure Providing \$10,384,821,624 Establishes All-time Record

CLEARING CALENDARS Maritime Commission Given Control Over All American Freighters

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Congress gave final approval today to the biggest cash appropriation bill in the nation's history, a gigantic \$10,384,821,624 item for the army. The total exceeded the largest previous appropriation, a 1919 army bill, by about a billion dollars.

The senate sent the measure to the White House as one of many actions taken in the course of a day devoted to clearing the calendars of legislation which had to be disposed of before the fiscal year closes at midnight on Monday.

Power Extended

In addition to the army bill, the senate passed and also sent to the White House a bill extending operations of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund and the President's power to devalue the dollar for two years. Without the legislation they would have expired at the Monday midnight deadline.

Losing no time, the senate also approved a bill prolonging the life of the commodity credit corporation for two years and increasing its crop loan funds by \$1,250,000,000 to a total of \$2,650,000,000. This measure went back to the house for action on senate amendments.

The senate passed, as a defense measure, a house bill to give Maritime Commission control over the movements and cargoes of all American ships. It goes to conference for the consideration of senate amendments.

George Gives Warning

In the debate which preceded the action, Chairman George (D-Ga) warned against granting too extensive power to the administration and asserted it was not necessary to adopt "totalitarian methods" to provide national defense. Some, he said, feared that important decisions might be made before the people have an opportunity to make their views known.

Caught in a jam of disagreement was a \$935,905,000 bill to finance federal relief through the next fiscal year. Senate and house

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BOARDS ARE READY FOR REGISTRATION

Selective Service Procedure Will Be Carried Out At Customhouse Tuesday

Officials of the city and county draft boards announced yesterday that their offices will be open Tuesday, from 7 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock that night for the purpose of registering for selective service in the United States Army all young men who have reached the age of 21 since last October 16.

The city board is located in Room No. 124 of the customhouse, in the old civil service room and the county board will register in the same building.

It was stated that transients may register here and that proper notification will be mailed to their home addresses.

When young men register for possible military training under the Selective Training and Service Act they merely will be required to answer 10 simple questions, General J. Van B. Metts, Selective

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Hiers Seeking Storage Space For Supply Base

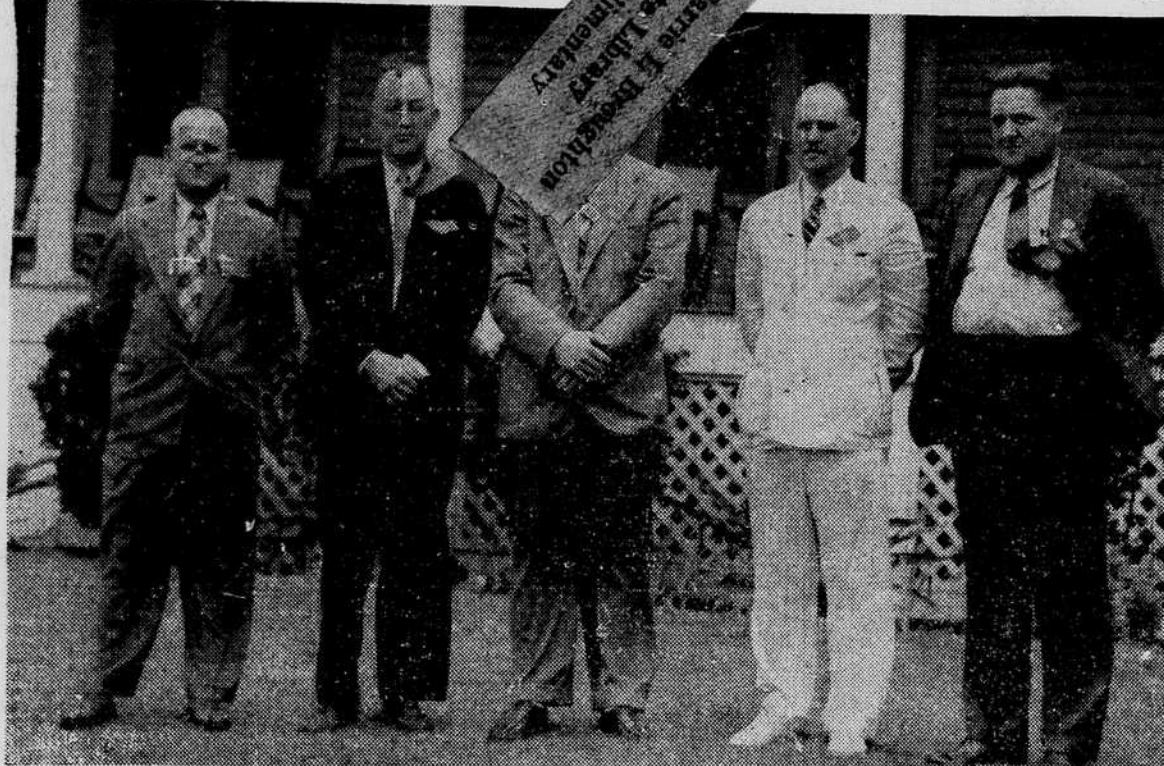
J. T. Hiers, acting coordinator for the Wilmington defense council, and manager of the Wilmington Port Commission, said yesterday that he has been endeavoring to secure between 150,000 and 200,000 square feet of storage space

order that this city may be able to become the supply base for maneuvers of the United States Army next fall, in which it is expected that 325,000 soldiers will participate.

Mr. Hiers said a preliminary survey showed that approximately 145,000 square feet of space are available here, and that he hoped additional storage room could be located to insure the est-

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New North Carolina Exchange Clubs' Officers



New officers elected by the North Carolina Exchange clubs at the annual convention at Wrightsville Beach yesterday to serve during the year 1941-1942 are shown above. They are, left to right, John D. Ross, High Point, treasurer; Sam A. Jones, Raleigh, Secretary; C. E. McCallum, Winston-Salem, president; Dr. E. I. Nott, Burlington, vice president, and C. L. Beddingfield, Cary, member state board of control. Three other members of the board of control were not present when the picture was made. They are C. S. Lowrimore, Wilmington, John Blount, Charlotte and Lee Forbis, Greensboro.

MONSEES TO VIEW HOUSING PROJECT

Washington Official Will Inspect Two Large Jobs Under Way Here

Carl Henry Monsees, executive assistant in the office of defense housing coordination in Washington, will be in Wilmington Monday to view defense projects being developed by the Wilmington Housing Authority.

Monday morning Mr. Monsees will inspect the four local projects on which work is under way, and will look over the site of a fifth project on which work will start in the near future. The five projects combined will house 1,275 families—900 of shipyard workers and 375 of Camp Davis enlisted personnel.

At 1 o'clock Monday Mr. Monsees will attend a luncheon in his honor at the Cape Fear hotel. Also attending will be Mayor Hargrove Bellamy and other members of the city government, members of the Housing Authority, members of the Defense Housing Committee, and other local citizens interested in the housing program.

Mr. Monsees was in Wilmington about two years while he was chief of the field service of the National Association of Housing Officials. 3

Hungarian Forces Chase Reds Over The Frontier

BUDAPEST, Hungary, June 28.—(AP)—Hungarian troops chased Soviet forces over the frontier in "several places" today, the Hungarian high command announced tonight.

There was no other detail on this new Soviet-Hungarian land fighting. The communique, supporting earlier contentions that Soviet warplanes had attacked this country before its declaration of war at Germany's side, declared:

"According to information received, Soviet aviators Friday bombarded both the localities of Nagy-Banya and Talabarfalva. There was no damage."

MAKE CONTACT

MOSCOW, June 28.—(AP)—The British economic military mission made direct contact with Soviet departments today. The economic section headed by Laurence Cadbury, accompanied by Ambassador Sir Stafford Cripps, conferred with Anastas J. Mikoyan, foreign trade commissar.

WOMAN KILLED

SALISBURY, June 28.—Mrs. Esther Doby, 48, of China Grove, R.F.D. 1, was killed and her husband, Alexander Doby, 56, was injured today when their wagon and an automobile were in collision just north of China Grove.

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday except for a few afternoon thundershowers in scattered localities.
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday)
Temperature: High, 79; low, 57; 7:30 a. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 83; 7:30 p. m. 79; maximum 83; minimum 57; mean 79; normal 78.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.05 inches. Total since the first of the month 4.61 inches.
Tides For Today
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)
Wilmington: High 12:42a, Low 8:14a
Masonboro Inlet: High 11:49a, Low 7:37p

Sunrise 5:03a; sunset 7:27p; moonrise 9:45a; moonset 10:48p.
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U.S. Arms Progress Criticized

House Committee Says 'Failures' Have Led To Shortage Of Materials

REPORT IS PRESENTED Need Of 'Vision' On Part Of Government Officials Voiced By Group

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—In a sharply critical report on defense progress, the house military committee asserted today that a series of major "failures" and "delays" had led to a present serious lack of strategic materials.

The deficiencies, the committee added in a voluminous report based on weeks of study, were attributable largely to "absence of a responsible head with authority and power," but also to national preoccupation in recent years with "social reform rather than national security."

"Vision" Needed

The report spoke, too, of a need for "vision" on the part of government officials and observed: "The administration has been too prone when difficult problems arose to easily dispose of them by creating another board, only to add to the confusion of the assortment of agencies we now have."

As for the lack of strategic materials, the report said: "A shortage of aluminum is 'critical' because of inadequate power and fabrication facilities. Rubber is not available in sufficient quantities primarily because of a lack of ships and refusal by some shippers to carry the commodity."

Defense officials disclosed yesterday plans to build new aluminum plants to turn out 600,000,000 pounds a year, raising the national output to 1,400,000,000 pounds.

Production To Lag

(In informed quarters today, it was reported that airplane production this summer would lag primarily because of shortages of essential materials. May output was 1,334 planes compared with 1,389 in April.)

The house committee's report listed these as short-comings in connection with the defense program:

- "Failure on the part of congress, the administration and the

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GOTHAM SUBWAY STRIKE AVERTED

Important Transportation Walkout In Pittsburgh Is Also Settled

By The Associated Press
Peaceful settlements of labor disputes involving transportation workers in the great defense production areas of New York and Pittsburgh were reached yesterday.

Mayor F. H. La Guardia announced an agreement averting a threatened strike in Gotham's city-owned transit system on which thousands travel daily to scores of factories and shipping centers concerned with defense goods.

The transport workers union (CIO) and the city agreed, La Guardia said, to continue an existing contract until the courts could decide whether the city can legally contract with the union in the future. That meant cancellation of a union order for a walkout of 32,000 workers at midnight Monday, the time at which the present contract expires.

The union demands a \$1 a day increase for all employees. Rates

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REDS, NAZIS STAGE GREAT TANK FIGHT; GERMAN LOSSES HIGH

NAZIS CLAIM SUCCESS Hitler Attempts to Mobilize All Europe Against The Communist Foe

RED DIVISION BROKEN Berlin Reports Sinking Of Six Ships Out Of Convoy Near England

BERLIN, June 28.—(AP)—With his armies and air force furiously hacking and slashing a pathway toward Moscow through stubbornly resisting Soviet forces, Adolf Hitler wound up the first week of his war against Russia in attempts to mobilize all Europe against the communist foe and with a new promise to tell of successes in detail.

On the fighting front a field headquarters communique referred to the "big successes" of the week but gave no details of the vast eastward drive—the biggest Hitler's land armies yet have attempted. It promised facts for tomorrow, however, in a series of special Sunday announcements.

Timing Significant

The timing of this newly scheduled burst of victory claims was significant in view of the drive to enlist all Europe in an anti-Communist crusade.

Meanwhile DNB, the official news agency, gave the German public a foretaste of victory news by reporting that the 9th division of the Red army had been "broken up and destroyed."

(In Ankara, Axis sources said that Minsk, the capital of White Russia, 20 miles inside the old Soviet frontier and some 150 miles from the nearest German territory, had been taken by the Nazis.)

DNB also said that one German anti-aircraft regiment had destroyed in the forenoon of one day 30 Russian tanks and 18 planes, while a DNB correspondent in the Ukraine sector reported that five German bombers protected by six Messerschmitt fighters had shot down in 20 minutes 13 of an attacking force of 30 Russian planes.

In the midst of the sky fight, the correspondent added, the five bombers swooped on a nearby Russian airport and dropped bombs.

Six Ships Sunk
In other theaters of war the headquarters communique claimed the sinking of six ships out of a convoy near England, and said the Royal Air Force had suffered "heavy losses" in raids over northern Germany. Some civilian casualties resulted from these raids, the communique said, and residential buildings, particularly in Hamburg and Bremen, were damaged.

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AID TO REDS WILL BOOST SPENDING

Would Necessitate Multi-Billion-Dollar Increase In Lease-Lend Plan

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Several senators differing on general foreign policy agreed today that any substantial American aid for Russia would necessitate a multi-billion-dollar increase in the present \$7,000,000,000 lease-lead program and appropriation of large new sums for armament plans.

At the same time, there was speculation in congressional quarters that the administration might soon ask additional money for the lease-lead program. President Roosevelt has promised all possible aid for Russia in fighting Germany.

Senator Byrd (D-Va) told reporters he had heard rumors that more lease-lead money would be asked, but that he did not see how much aid could be given Russia. This country, he declared, "is not producing enough military equipment for its own needs and those of Great Britain."

Senator Pepper (D-Fla) said "congress will give the President any reasonable sum" and added: "I am not at all opposed to stopping Hitler in Europe now or so to stop Hitler in Europe now

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Mannerheim Appeals To Finns To Follow Him In War On Reds

HELSINKI, Sunday, June 28.—(AP)—Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim declared today in his first order of the day that the soldiers of Finland must follow him in a holy war against the Russian.

"Follow me this last time—when Karelians rise again and a new day dawns for Finland," he appealed.

RUSSIA DISCLAIMS DARDANELES AIMS

Spokesman Presents Russian View Of Background Of The Week-old War

MOSCOW, June 28.—(AP)—Soviet Russia today disclaimed ambitions on the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, Turkish-controlled gateways between the Black sea and the Mediterranean, and described the German attack upon her as unprovoked.

S. A. Lozovsky, assistant director of the Soviet information bureau and vice-commissioner of foreign affairs, was the spokesman in presenting the Russian view of the background of the week-old war at a conference with American, British, French, Japanese and Russian news men.

German fliers had violated the Soviet frontier 324 times this year, he said, often as deep as 95 miles into Russian territory, "which cannot be explained otherwise than as a desire to make reconnaissance." Protests April 18 and June 21, the day before the war broke out, were cited.

Adolf Hitler's declaration of war, he charged, "contains one huge lie and 99 various sized lies prepared in the kitchen of a notorious master in this field (propaganda minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.)"

The vice-commissioner minimized Hitler's assertion that Soviet planes had violated the border, saying that Russian fliers had crossed German territory 11 times, compared to 24 German violations from January 1 to June 21.

Lozovsky said German foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop had asserted that Russia's guarantee last March that Turkey could count on understanding neutrality from Russia if she were attacked was "mical to Germany."

"This," Lozovsky said, "is so monstrous that it can only be explained by Hitler's exaggerated conception of his role as an individual in history. Hitler's egocentrism bespeaks a weird and dangerous psychology for the German people."

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ADVANCE HELD UP

4,000 Tanks Are Reported Locked In Mortal Combat In Luck Section

NAZIS SEEK MINSK

MOSCOW, Sunday, June 29.—(AP)—In probably the greatest tank battle the world ever has witnessed, German and Russian steel monsters are clashing all up and down the front in former Poland, with 4,000 of them locked in mortal combat in the Luck sector alone, it was reported today by the Russian information bureau.

In general, the Russian communique stressed that the German advance is being held up by this terrific defense, with Nazi losses running into high but untold figures.

Particularly in the direction of Minsk, capital of White Russia which appears as a prime German objective, German tanks were halted, the Russians asserted.

Nazi Losses Heavy

The communique spoke of the Red army inflicting important losses on the Nazis in rear guard actions while withdrawing to new positions, but did not locate this retreat.

Elsewhere its communique was a tale of stubborn fighting, with Russian troops and airmen either holding their own or gaining the upper hand.

"In the Siauliai sector (of former Lithuania), our troops took many prisoners, a great number of whom were in an intoxicated condition," the communique said.

It claimed also the destruction of 300 tanks of the Nazi 39th tank corps up to Friday night in the continuing battle in the Minsk area.

Telling thus of having smashed

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ARMY ADVOCATES U. S. EMERGENCY

Administration May Ask Declaration To Give Roosevelt Free Hand

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—The administration was reported today to have decided to ask congress for a formal declaration of a national emergency to give President Roosevelt as commander-in-chief a free hand in defense moves.

The War department was said by informed sources to have urged such a declaration which would permit indefinite retention in service of the selective service trainees as well as the national guard and reserve officers.

Officials noted it likewise would lift restrictions on the President's power to order troops to points outside the western hemisphere.

Such a declaration by congress would give the chief executive various other powers lacking under the national emergency proclamation which the President is-

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Barrage Balloon Snaps Cable And Drifts Away

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CAMP DAVIS, June 28.—(AP)—A large barrage balloon snapped its cable during a high wind today and soared in a northeasterly direction for several hours before its gas was expelled and it came to earth about six miles northeast of New Bern, a distance of approximately 60 miles.

The large barrage balloon, which recently arrived at Camp Davis and was inflated for the first time Thursday, snapped its cable at the balloon barrage training center yesterday afternoon and drifted rapidly away in a northeasterly direction.

The official announcement said that the craft, which was attached to a winch by 500 feet of steel cable, broke loose about 3:30 o'clock during a high wind and disappeared under a "low ceiling" within a short time.

This type of barrage balloon, the latest to be developed, is equipped with a safety valve that will let out helium as the balloon gains altitude. It was explained that only a certain amount of helium is let out at a time but that after about an hour the bag will come to earth. Due to the very high wind it was not known if the

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Ministers Here Protest Against 'Open Sunday'

The Wilmington Ministerial association, meeting in special session, yesterday adopted a number of resolutions protesting vigorously against the "Open Sunday" which will legalize motion picture shows, bowling alleys and other "commercialized" sports and amusements on Sunday.

The resolutions follow: "The Minister's association wishes to make public its vigorous protest against the proposed 'Open Sunday' for the following reasons:

"1. The greatest asset of a community is the moral and spiritual character of its citizens. The desirability of a community for business investment and home life is in proportion to the presence of these moral qualities. Moral character must be based on moral convictions and self-discipline. To sacrifice convictions, lower community ideals and lay aside restraints is to strike at the very foundations of stability of character. For the community to give its legal sanction to the disregard of the Sabbath Day will inevitably weaken moral character and mislead the rising generation by removing restraints vital to spiritual character."

"2. We know all too well that

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