

Holiday's Fatalities Reach 390

Automobiles Bring Death To 239 Pleasure Seekers During Week-end

PLANES KILL 130

Pennsylvania Leads Nation In Road Deaths Despite A Rainy Holiday

By the Associated Press D. O. A. — Dead on Arrival; D. O. A. — Dead on Arrival. . .

All day long in 39 states of the union, police jotted down the routine notation on desk blotters; behind the routine lay the individual stories of at least 390 lives cut short.

Automobiles brought death to at least 239 pleasure seekers; 151 died in airplane crashes, drownings, in shootings and other violent form of death.

Traffic Toll Soars The traffic toll soared continually as traffic increased.

In upstate New York, a man was killed by a stray bullet on a target range. . . On New York City's teeming East side, a 12-year-old boy fell to his death from a five-story ledge.

There were five deaths from fireworks, compared with two last year. One occurred in Missouri; in Tennessee, a 10-year-old boy died of burns after a firecracker was thrown into a large container of fireworks.

A 4-year old girl in Chicago suffered fatal injuries when she bit into a torpedo thinking it was candy. The torpedo exploded, tearing apart part of her face.

Despite a rainy fourth which curtailed holiday traffic in the East, Pennsylvania led the nation in traffic deaths with 20. Ohio and New York each reported 17 and California, 15.

West single tragedy was an automobile-train crash at the Long Island railroad's Mattituck (N. Y.) grade crossing Friday night, when six automobile occupants were killed and a seventh was injured critically.

Deaths by states: Alabama 10; Arizona 2; Arkansas 4; California 20; Colorado 1; Connecticut 2; Florida 7; Georgia 7; Illinois 24; Indiana 15; Iowa 6; Kansas 3; Kentucky 7; Louisiana 9; Maine 1;

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) ROOSEVELT CHECKS ON U. S. DEFENSES

Returns To Washington Following Vacation At Hyde Park Home

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Rested by more than a week in the relaxing atmosphere of his Hyde Park home, President Roosevelt returned today to Washington and an immediate checkup on the situation of the nation's defenses.

A few minutes after his arrival, he was closeted with his immediate advisers on defense production and foreign relations. Reportedly, they gave him a detailed review of developments which he had followed closely but in general outline while he was gone.

Among his conferees were Sumner Welles, the acting secretary of State, who gave him a report on foreign affairs, including the expulsion of Italian troops from the Balkans.

WEATHER

FORECASTS North Carolina: Showers Sunday; Monday partly cloudy, slightly warmer, scattered showers.

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

Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 78; maximum 87; minimum 75; mean 82; normal 79.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 90; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 80.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month 0.40 inches.

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

Wilmington: High 7:22a, Low 2:21p; Masonboro Inlet: High 5:04a, Low 1:19p; Nonhaze 5:06a; sunset 7:27p; moonrise 5:17p; moonset 3:02a.

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HAPPY ENDING TO COURT BATTLE IN ENGLAND, VICHY MAY TALK PEACE



Marion Talley, famed operatic star, embraces her six-year-old daughter Susan immediately after a Los Angeles court awarded her sole custody of the child and a divorce from Adolf Eckstrom, her singing-teacher husband.

1,647 Register For Vote On School Bonds July 15

Four Are Scalded To Death In Georgetown

GEORGETOWN, S. C., July 5.—(AP)—Four persons were scalded to death today while working at a paper plant.

Those scalded were Buckle Montagu Elliott, 30; Richard G. Cox, 24; Newitt Walter Coker, 30; and Tom Leon Norris, 25. They died almost instantly. Inquests were ordered.

PRICE-FIXING ROW MAY BE SETTLED

Question Of Enacting Legislation Expected To Be Decided By F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—A usually well-informed member of congress said today that President Roosevelt probably would settle next week a controversy between administration officials and leaders on Capitol Hill over the question of enacting price-fixing legislation.

This informant said that Leon Henderson, chief of the government's price fixing set-up, was urging Mr. Roosevelt to recommend mandatory price-fixing to congress promptly. Henderson recently said "the honeymoon is over" so far as voluntary government-industry cooperation to fix prices was concerned.

At the Capitol, it was reported that some White House lieutenants wanted the President to delay any recommendation for price fixing. They believed, it was said, that the legislation would stir up a long senate controversy and prevent a projected rest period for the chamber while the house is working on the new tax bill.

The question of whether the leg-

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NYA Manual Arts Training Center Will Be Opened Monday Afternoon

The first group of 75 young men officially will begin work at the Wilmington National Youth Administration manual arts training center, located three and one-half miles from Wilmington on the Carolina Beach road, at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon when appropriate exercises have been arranged for the occasion.

Invited to attend the dedicatory ceremonies are Governor J. M. Broughton, Congressman J. B. Bayard Clark, Col. Frank McCherry of Washington, D. C., national administrator of defense training; an John A. Lang, State NYA administrator, General James B. Crawford, commanding officer of Camp Davis, and representatives of the city and county, and other organizations.

Harold H. Jeter, area NYA supervisor, in charge of the training project and the local NYA offices also said that private citizens also are invited and urged to attend.

The class which begins Monday will study electric welding and sheet metal work. In connection with the formal opening, Mr. Jeter issued the following statement:

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England, Vichy May Talk Peace

Correspondent Says Are In Pre-armistice Stage Of Trading Views

WAR IN FINAL STAGES

British Pushing Drive From Iraq To Cut Off Syria From Turkey

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Britain and the Vichy government are in a pre-armistice stage of exchanging views to ending the war in Syria, Martin Agronsky, National Broadcasting company correspondent in Ankara, reported tonight in a broadcast from Ankara.

Agrotsky quoted authoritative British diplomatic circles as saying the war in Syria is in its final and decisive stage.

He quoted one reliable diplomatic source as saying that while certain armistice negotiations had not yet started, there has definitely been "an exchange of views between Vichy and Britain concerning an armistice."

"Go Between" Active This source added, Agrotsky said, that "a certain great neutral power whose identity I am not at liberty to disclose has so far been the go-between" but will not necessarily appear in the final negotiations.

(Informed sources in London said they had heard nothing about British-French pre-armistice exchanges.)

Reaches Objective

VICHY, July 5.—(AP)—A British drive from Iraq bases to cut off Syria from Turkey was reported today to have reached its first objective, the town of Kamechlie on the Turkish-Syrian frontier.

Military dispatches to Vichy said the town itself had not fallen, but reported that forces of considerable strength were being used in the thrust, based at Mosul, in the heart of the Iraq oil fields.

From Kamechlie the Mosul railway, which the British troops followed, skirts the Turkish-Syrian border 250 miles.

Farther to the south, British troops pushing up the Euphrates were reported to have captured Deir-ez-zor, French desert post.

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NAZI PEACE OFFER IS SEEN BY EDEN

Believes Internal Conditions In Germany Will Force Proposal

LEEDS, Eng., July 5.—(AP)—Internal conditions in Germany will force Adolf Hitler during the Russian campaign to make a new peace offer to Britain, foreign secretary Anthony Eden predicted today.

Eden rejected in advance the anticipated offer, which he said, would be a false gesture.

Addressing an outdoor meeting here, Eden linked the unexplained flight to Scotland of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, with conditions in Germany.

"However little the German people may be encouraged to speculate or reflect," he said, "there are some who begin to see perils ahead and are correspondingly already nervous and perplexed."

"Resultant confusion of thought finds expression in a strange variety of ways, including the parachute descent of a deputy fuhrer on a Scottish farm. We shall no doubt see stranger happenings before we are through with the men who rule Germany."

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REDS CLAIM NAZIS BEATEN IN OFFENSIVE NEAR LATVIA; GERMANS HIT STALIN LINE

NAZIS CLAIM GAINS

Fighting Apparently Continuing In Minsk Area And Reds Hold City

DNEPR IS OBSTACLE

High Command Claims Several Thousand More Soviet Prisoners Taken

BERLIN, July 5.—(AP)—German advance units, fighting forward an average of 25 miles a day in the two-week-old war with Soviet Russia, were reported authoritatively tonight to be in contact with the main Stalin line on the Dnepr river in the region of Orsha, about 200 miles west southwest of Moscow.

Authorized sources announced the location of this thrust and contact (which normally means fighting between patrols) a few hours after the high command reported: "East of Minsk, the river Dnepr was reached."

But in the Minsk area itself, 120 miles to the rear, fighting apparently was continuing, for a communique spoke of encircled troops there, and the capture of Minsk had not been announced officially.

Highlights Report The Dnepr river thrust highlighted a high command report which told of military operations in the east "proceeding according to plan," of further progress by Germany and her allies from the Arctic to the Galician plain of Sovietized Poland.

(The fact that the Dnepr is so deep and wide as to be navigable for its entire 1,400-mile length from the swamp forest lands of Smolensk province to the Black sea makes it a serious obstacle to conventional military operations.)

In addition to 180,000 Soviet prisoners already declared taken, the high command said several thousand fell into Nazi hands south of the Pinsk marshes when "scattered enemy detachments were encountered by our reserves at several points and destroyed."

(The fact that German troops involved in this sizable operation are identified as reserves indicates large Red army units may be operating against German bases behind the front which Nazi armored and motorized columns have arched in the shape of a huge bow aimed at Moscow.)

Aided By Hungarians "Our Hungarian allies have taken Kolomyja and Stanislavow," the high command said, referring to sister towns on the Galician plain below east slopes of the Carpathians.

"In the Baltic, pursuit of the German and Finnish units moving east from Finland were said to have made "further progress despite great difficulties of terrain (granite cliffs, timbered hills and swamps) and stubborn enemy resistance." Informed sources said the forces had advanced along the coast to the Liza region.

Smolensk, important rail junction lying on both sides of the Dnepr 50 miles above Orsha, has been a

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ITALIANS RELEASE AMERICAN CLERK

Officials Refuse To Tell Why Consular Worker Was Arrested, Jailed

ROME, July 5.—(AP)—Detention of an American consular clerk for four days in San Vittore prison at Milan was disclosed today with his release by Italian authorities, who refused to tell why he was jailed.

The consular clerk, Raymond Hall of New York, was arrested July 1. Ninety minutes after his arrest his wife returned from several days in the country, found him gone and appealed to American authorities.

Milan police told Consul Lester L. Schnare, who inquired that day as to Hall's whereabouts, that there was no information. It was not until Schnare asked at the prison itself that he discovered Hall was held there, incommunicado.

The American embassy had sent a note to the foreign office urgently requesting an investigation. After Schnare found Hall was in prison, a second note was sent.

Hall and other consular employees must leave Italy by July 14, under a government order paralleling a similar order for expulsion of Italian consular staffs in the United States.

Asked why Hall was arrested, fascists said they had no information.

German Plane Is Downed During Raid On Moscow

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—The Soviet official communique tonight reported that Moscow had had a one-hour air raid today—the first daylight raid of the war—according to a radio broadcast heard here by CBS.

Russian fighter planes shot down a German Junkers 88 bomber during the raid, the communique was quoted as stating.

The announcement as heard by CBS was broadcast by the British radio.

The British radio's full report of the Moscow communique as heard by CBS follows:

"A Moscow communique just received here states that during Moscow's first daylight air raid, which lasted for an hour this

afternoon, a Junkers 88, flying in the direction of Moscow from the southwest, was shot down by Soviet planes."

There was no indication in the Russian capital actually was bombed for an hour, as suggested, or whether the city merely had a one-hour alarm during which German planes failed in an attempt to reach the city.

Atmospheric conditions over the Atlantic prevented the usual radio communication between Moscow and New York by which Moscow correspondents and the Russian news agency, Tass, dispatch the daily communiques fully.

British Bombers Score Hits On Lille Factories

LOSE THREE PLANES

Germans Believed Putting More Planes Into Air On Western Front

LONDON, July 5.—(AP)—British heavy bombers were reported officially today to have scored direct hits upon important steel and engineering works at Lille against increasing opposition to their smashing raids upon German-occupied northern France.

The communique which announced the raid pointed out that the bombers were accompanied by a strong fighter escort, it acknowledged, however, that the raid upon Lille and another upon German shipping cost the British three fighters to two German fighters shot down.

Increasing Activity A sharp Friday night raid upon the industrial English Midlands indicated the Germans were putting more bombers, as well as more fighters, into the air on the western front, which had been dominated by the RAF since the start of the Russian-German war.

The raid upon Lille was part of a continuous attack upon German-held territory. It followed a strong night assault upon the Brest harbor, where heavy bombs were said by the British to have straddled the German battleships Scharnhorn.

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GREATER DEFENSE SPENDING LOOMS

Budget Director Smith Predicts Billion-a-month Rate By September

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Harold D. Smith, budget director, predicted today that expanding defense expenditures would reach a rate of \$1,000,000,000 a month by September.

This acceleration, he said, should make good recent estimates that defense costs this fiscal year will be \$15,000,000,000.

Reviewing the last fiscal year (which ended June 30), Smith said \$6,274,000,000 was spent for defense. The spending rate was \$807,000,000 in June.

"I have just spent three and a

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NAZIS SLOWED DOWN

Soviet Communique Says Troops Have Taken Initiative Near Ostrov

TANKS DESTROYED

Reds Claim Reich Troops Attempt To Cross Dvina River Beaten Down

MOSCOW, Sunday, July 6.—(AP)—Russia today claimed a victory over German mechanized forces in a big counter-offensive near the Latvian border and officially declared the Nazi drive in the Baltic states and White Russian areas had slowed down considerably because of heavy losses.

While Red army soldiers battled the German invaders on the outer fringes of the Stalin line deep inside White Russia, the Soviet communique disclosed the Russians had taken the initiative in the vicinity of Ostrov, a station on the Dvinsk-Leningrad railroad 15 miles east of the Latvian frontier.

Nazis Thrown Back The communique declared the Germans were thrown back from the town of Ostrov itself and added:

"Our troops destroyed hundreds of the enemy's tanks in this sector and a large proportion of his motorized infantry."

A German attempt to force the Dvina river in the Polotsk sector was thrown back by a "resolute counter-attack," the war report said, while the Red army counter-attacked or held its ground stubbornly in the Lepel, Borisov and Bobruisk sectors of the European-wide front.

"The fighting revealed in these sectors that the enemy has considerably diminished his activity in view of the heavy losses sustained," the communique said.

(Polotsk is 80 miles east of the Latvian city of Dvinsk and is an important railroad junction, one line leading to Moscow, Ostrov is about 200 miles southwest of Leningrad, indicating the Germans had made progress in the drive up the Baltic states toward Russia's second city.)

Fresh Attack The Germans yesterday made a fresh attack on Novograd Volynskii, 140 miles west of the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, and fierce fighting is in progress in that battle field, the Russians said.

Fighting in the Tarnopol area of the southern front also was fierce, the communique said, and

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N. Y. MILK STRIKE HANGS IN BALANCE

Representatives Of Thousands Of Producers Meet With Owen D. Young

VAN HORNEVILLE, N. Y., July 5.—(AP)—Representatives of approximately 55,000 farmers shipping milk to New York city, where the supply has been sharply curtailed by a five-day-old strike, determined tonight to discuss tomorrow with New York's governor, Herbert H. Lehman (D) what they termed a "unified plan of action" to obtain higher prices.

This action followed a six-hour conference behind closed doors with Owen D. Young, retired industrialist, who invited representatives of six farmers' organizations to confer with him on a plan that he said he believed farmers can obtain "a living price." Spokesmen of four groups attended.

The conferees, a spokesman said are hopeful of reaching an agreement under leadership of the former board chairman of general electric company, who has advocated a federal mediation board to determine fair prices for producers.

Young, whose three dairy farms in this rich milk producing area in central New York have participated in the stoppage that has resulted in a deputy sheriff's death, the dumping of milk and other violence announced continuation of the con-

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'FIFTH COLUMN' GAMES PLANNED

Cadets Training At Clemson College Plan To 'Take' Anderson Friday

ANDERSON, S. C., July 5.—(AP)—Colonel William L. Roberts, acting commander of the Fourth Corps area Reserve Officers training camp at nearby Clemson college announced today that college students undergoing training at the camp would take the city of Anderson next Friday in what is believed to be the first fifth column maneuver ever staged in the United States.

A battalion of cadet "fifth columnists" in civilian dress will filter into Anderson 24 hours in advance of the attack, and at the zero hour will "seize" public buildings, power, communications and transportation centers as has been done in European fifth column coups.

A fully armed uniformed force will move against the city at the same moment to complete the first war game of this type ever directed at an entire city in this country, and the maneuver will be considered completed as soon as the combined forces have "seized control" of the Anderson county courthouse, the city hall, water works, power plant, telephone exchange, newspaper and radio offices and have set up a simulated concentration camp for public officials who have either civilian, police or military type duties.

About 450 columnists, Col. Roberts said, will don caps and belts for their coup but otherwise will be unarmed. Approximately 800 others will advance into the

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Moore Calls For Boost In Hospital Facilities

The ever-growing population of Wilmington and its environs, created through an influx of soldiers and workers on various defense projects in this area, has made necessary an "immediate" increase in hospital facilities here, Dr. W. Houston Moore, declared yesterday.

"The situation here was acute before this area began growing so rapidly," Dr. Moore said, "and the tremendous increase in population has created a condition that we cannot hope successfully to meet unless our hospital facilities are just about doubled."

"Before the present emergency arose," Dr. Moore continued, "it had been decided that the patient capacity at James Walker Mem-

orial hospital was inadequate, and plans had been formulated for an addition which we thought would take care of the situation.

"However, with the population of the Wilmington area so vastly increased, we have found it necessary to revise those plans to the extent that contemplated improvements will cost four or five times as much as we first had in mind, if we are to take care of all those who apply to us for treatment."

"In view of the fact that the national emergency is largely responsible for the population growth, which is estimated at 20,000 persons, we feel that it would be unfair to ask the citizens of

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