

President Raps Senator Wheeler For Disclosure

MILITARY SECRET Mr. Roosevelt Hints Iceland Move May Be Followed By Others APPROVES RETENTION

Chief Executive In Accord With General Marshall's Selectee Plan By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, July 8.—President Roosevelt made it clear today that the uncertain line separating the Eastern and Western Hemispheres would not be considered the eastern boundary of American defense activities.

In a press conference statement which followed the American occupation of Iceland, the President said there were points beyond that line which might become of terrible importance to this country. He had stopped, he said, trying to determine just where the line ran.

The chief executive met reporters toward the close of a day which had seen the White House, through his secretary, Stephen T. Early, approve Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) for a year last week he had information that Iceland would be taken over by this country.

Early took the position that Wheeler had disclosed military information and at his press conference, Mr. Roosevelt said he thought the case spoke for itself.

President Cautious As for the reasons behind the Iceland move, the President said he could not reply categorically to a question whether he knew of any German intention to establish a base upon the island.

In a war, he said, one puts one's self in the position of the other fellow, and asks what action would be taken in a given set of circumstances. Sometimes action taken was based upon information, he said, and sometimes not.

"Do you think the other fellow is likely to make any move toward the Azores or Cape Verde islands," he was asked.

Mr. Roosevelt's reply was that he could not prognosticate. In a recent speech, he stressed what he considered the importance of those Atlantic islands to the defense of this country.

Questioning swung to the recommendation of General George C. Marshall, the Army chief of staff, that selectees and National Guardsmen be retained in service beyond their

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'SHOOTING NEXT' AVERS WHEELER

Montanan Labels Administration Occupation of Iceland Preliminary to War

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) asserted today that the administration had arranged United States occupation of Iceland because it wanted "to get us into a shooting war."

He made these remarks at an informal press conference at which he also said he was informed that Iceland already had been occupied when he forecast the move last week. Wheeler said his prediction was based on letters he had received from parents saying that

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Byrnes Takes Oath As Court Justice

Germans Angered By Move

Nazi Press Labels U. S. Occupation of Iceland "Stab In Back"

BERLIN, Wednesday, July 8.—(AP)—The mouthpiece of the German Foreign office, Deutsche Diplomatish Politische Korrespondenz, today viewed the United States entry into Iceland as a stab in the back of a European community which it said was struggling with Bolshevism for preservation of western civilization. Its comment was the first from competent German quarters on the Iceland situation.

The Boersen Zeitung, Berlin's leading financial paper and the only other publication to comment, called the United States action "the brutal rape of a small European people."

It also said, "Herr Roosevelt entered the operations zone of this war and consciously set foot on the battlefield where the sharp-shooting is going on. The responsibility lies with him."

The Boersen Zeitung is known to have excellent connections at the Wilhelmstrasse.

Icelanders Greet Force REYKJAVIK, Iceland, July 8.—(AP)—United States naval forces arrived here amid a display of excitement and hearty welcomes.

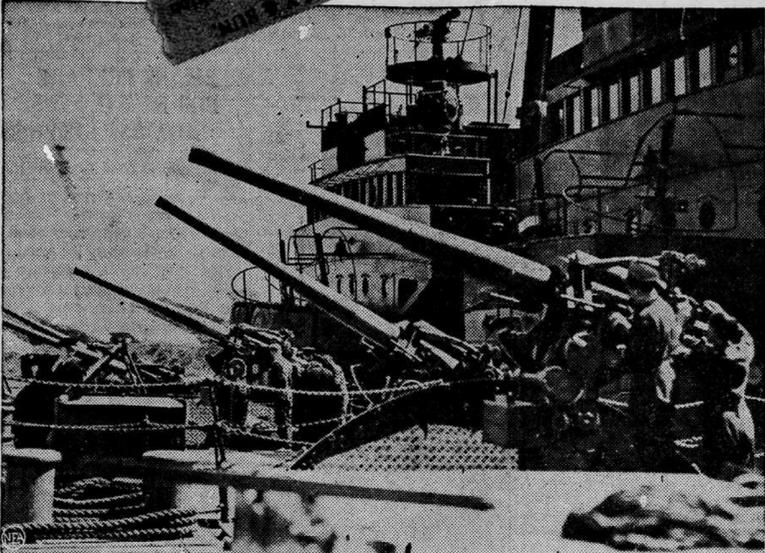
The first signs of the convoy's appearance were noted from a tall church steeple by watchers who relayed the news to persons gathered in the streets.

Icelanders asked one another, "Can these be Americans?" The new arrivals saw the country at its best. Faxa bay was smooth under a lazy breeze, while soft summer showers occasionally obscured the mountains. Soon the sun routed the remaining clouds and the full beauty of the land was disclosed.

Apparently wearying of the sport of dumping large quantities of just plain rain on local citizens, the Weather Man yesterday added a dded sound effects and a spectacular light display to the show.

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Rumors are Now After Hitler



Two United States revenue cutters—or at least that's what they were when flying the Stars and Stripes—are doing yeoman service for the Royal Navy these days, having been transferred to Britain this past spring under terms of the lend-lease law.

Leavenworth Penitentiary Strike Quickly Quelled

(By The Associated Press) The government broke a strike of prisoners at Leavenworth penitentiary yesterday by sending the ring leader to Alcatraz, Atlanta, Terra Haute, Ind., and other Federal prisons.

James V. Bennett, Federal prison director, said in announcing the settlement that "the institution (Leavenworth) is returning to normal routine."

The strikers, who were making shoes and brushes for the Army, were said to have protested against their working hours. Justice department officials said in Washington that the hours had been increased from 39 to 44 a week.

Ship Discussions In New York, the Seafarers International union (AFL) offered to provide crews for three strike-bound vessels if the owners would discuss the question of war bonuses with Washington officials. The union refused to supply crews, after the sinking of the American freighter Robin Moor, unless the men were guaranteed additional war bonuses.

Workers and representatives of the Western Cartridge company, Alton, Ill., were scheduled to resume contract negotiations in an effort to avert a strike. The dispute involves 550 smokeless powder workers. Demands include recognition of the AFL chemical workers union as a collective bargaining agency, wage increases from a minimum of 60 cents an hour to a minimum of 85 cents, and a union shop.

A strike by the AFL United Auto workers closed the Muskegon, Mich., plant of the Sealed Power Corp., which makes engine parts for tanks, submarines and trucks. The employees quit work in a dispute over wages and a union shop contract which has been under consideration by the Defense Mediation board. Current wages were not disclosed.

Approximately 400 electricians quit work at the government's Charles-town, Ind., ordnance works, threatening a delay in completion of the third smokeless powder production line. A spokesman for the AFL Electrical Workers union said there was no strike or dispute and that the men had left their jobs to take others at higher wages.

The wage rate is \$1.31 1/4 an hour compared with \$1.50 an hour being paid at nearby defense operations.

Marines from the Philadelphia Navy yard, with the approval of labor and management, entered the strike-bound Keasbey and Mattison company at Ambler, Pa., and removed materials required in construction of the Navy department annex in Washington.

MISSING WOMAN RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Maude Spivey, Star, Reported Missing From Beach, Is Located

Mrs. Maude Spivey, who had been reported missing since being separated from friends Saturday night at Kure's beach, returned to her home in Star, N. C., Monday night, Chief DeWitt Reynolds of the Star police department, reported last night.

Mrs. Spivey was reported to have said that her money had been lost or stolen after she was separated from her friends and that she had pawned her ring to obtain fare home.

It was reported Sunday that Mrs. Spivey went to Kure's Beach with a party of friends for the week-end. The report said the group was sitting in a parked car, when Mrs. Spivey said she was going to get a soft drink and that her friends remained in the car all night awaiting her return.

The first request for a police search for her came from the Star police department, indicating that the party returned to Star before reporting the incident.

Mrs. Spivey's husband, father, sister and brother came to Wilmington Monday to ask that the police inaugurate an intensive search for the woman.

SUNDAY MOVIES ACTION SLATED

Council Expected to Approve Blue Laws Repeal On Third Reading Today

Fate of the proposed city ordinance to permit Sunday moving picture, athletic contests and bowling, is expected to be sealed when the city council meets this morning.

The measure already has passed two readings by the council over the determined opposition of Wilmington ministers, and if passed again will become law. Most observers consider it improbable that the bill will fail to pass the third reading.

The Wilmington Ministerial association has adopted a resolution in favor of submitting the question of an "open Sunday" to a popular vote. This, the ministers contend, could be accomplished in connection with a proposed water works expansion election at no extra cost to the community.

Proponents of the bill insist that it would contribute greatly to the improved morale of soldiers stationed in the surrounding area by providing wholesome forms of amusement for them to participate in, thereby discouraging the patronization of less desirable establishments.

Those opposing the measure base their arguments on religious and moral grounds.

Should the bill pass, the operation of motion picture houses, bowling alleys and athletic games will be permitted after 2 p. m. on Sundays.

Mrs. Gladys Helms Killed In Charlotte Accident

CHARLOTTE, July 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Gladys Helms of Charlotte was killed and four were injured tonight in a traffic accident 13 miles from here on the York road. Those hurt were her husband, Curtis Helms, Paul Kiesel, Mrs. Berry Warrick Slack, all of Charlotte, and Manuel Patrick Berger of Pensacola, Fla.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, announced today execution of lease agreements, involving more than \$22,000,000, for the expansion of defense manufacturing facilities.

The largest of the agreements, executed by the Defense Plant Corporation, was with the Nash-Kelvinator corporation, Detroit, to provide plant and equipment to make aircraft parts at Lansing, Mich., at a cost of \$15,150,744. This is in addition to a previous commitment of \$8,433,860 for that plant.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today approved continuing a portion at least of the selective service army and National Guard in the active service beyond the one year for which they were originally called to duty.

To muster all out at the end of that time, he said at a press conference, would result in impairing the efficiency of the nation's armed outposts in both the Atlantic and Pacific. But whether men not involved in those outposts should be released after a year, he did not say.

To that extent he thus approved the proposal of General George C. Marshall that the term of service be extended. A second Marshall proposal, that legal restrictions limiting the service of the draftees and National Guard to the Western Hemisphere and American possessions, he thought of less importance. He had given up, he said, trying to determine where the hemispheric boundary line ran.

GERMAN LOSSES MOUNT AS RUSSIAN DEFENSES HOLD AGAINST ATTACKS

NEW PHASE HINTED Berlin Hears Nazi Army About to Begin Second Great Offensive ENORMOUS LOSSES Vichy Report Tells of Tremendous Costs Germans Paying For Assault

By The Associated Press BERLIN, July 8.—The bitterest fighting yet encountered in the Nazi-Soviet war was reported unfolding on the Russian plains tonight as the German infantry stormed trickily and deceptive defenses which, Nazis said, had been prepared for years by the Soviet army leaders.

The German high command devoted just one sentence to the Russian campaign, and that is customary when the fighting is hard and great issues are at stake. The daily communique said simply: "Operations on the Eastern front are proceeding on schedule."

(Military circles in Vichy, capital of unoccupied France, heard that the German drive against Russia had been virtually stopped for four full days. Enormous German losses were given as the reason.

(There were unusual delays in communication between New York and Berlin Tuesday, although service to other European capitals was not interrupted, this dispatch was delayed in transmission for more than three hours.

Although the high command threw but little light on what was happening at the front, other German war reports provided German readers with fuller accounts. The difficulties which the Germans are meeting were stressed.

Some observers, however, felt that behind the high command's silence was an indication that the second phase of the smash against Russia was developing, with fresh troops preparing a new surprise for the Red army. One propaganda company reporter spoke of several Nazi armies being moved for a secret task.

The army was in contact with the Stalin line at many points and the German air force was operating far beyond it, smashing at the road to Moscow, raining bombs on Russian reinforcements and attempting to pulverize any fortifications visible from the air.

The German news agency DNB said that German and Rumanian troops had broken stubborn resistance of the Russians on the Bessarabian front and thrown the defenders back as far as the Dneestr in some places, taking many prisoners and much war material. The Dneestr is the boundary between Bessarabia, which Russia got from Rumania a year ago, and the Ukraine.

It was reported today that in the 4-day period from July 2 through July 5, a total of 584 tanks and 550 guns was brought in by the Germans.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—The railway city of Zhitomir, lying in the Stalin line region and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

Litvinov Appeals For Aid

Former Red Foreign Minister Asks U. S., Britain To Continue Fight

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS MOSCOW, July 8.—Maxim Litvinov, returning to the public stage from which he vanished just before the fateful Russian-German pact in 1939, appealed to his old friends, the British people by radio tonight to strike at Hitler untiringly so as to give the Nazis no respite while they are engaged with Russia.

The former foreign commissar spoke in English to both the British and American people.

After declaring that it "was only Great Britain and her dominions, with the active support of the United States of America, which were bearing the brunt of the struggle against Hitler" prior to the attack on Russia, Litvinov said that the Red army was now "bearing the shock of Hitler's powerful war machine."

"They are compelling him to throw more and more forces from the west to the east," he said. "The English people are enjoying a certain respite after 12 months of incessant bombardment, but it is now more important that Hitler should not have a moment's respite, that he should be disappointed in his hope of a pact of truce in the west."

"Each blow struck now will be more effective than ever," Litvinov said that "the single greatest task" confront Britain, Russia, and the United States "is to wage this struggle against the common foe to the bitter end."

Litvinov, for most of the 1930's a leading champion of the League of Nations and of the principle of collective security, declared in a bitter exhortation of Hitler and Nazism that the Nazis never kept a promise.

NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—Destruction of four ships carrying the neutral flag of Sweden and of a Danish freighter flying the Red Cross flag of Britain was disclosed in maritime circles today. Sweden has now lost 102 vessels.

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Other Swedish ships sunk were the Stig Grotander, 2,241 tons, destroyed in the North sea, crew saved; the Calabria, 1,227 tons, with three crewmen missing and presumed killed, and the 1,392-ton freighter Taberg, sunk in the Atlantic with only six survivors.

NAZIS DRIVEN BACK

Red Communique Claims Berlin, Rumanian Troops Retreat In Disorder BITTER FIGHTING Enemy Tank, Artillery, Air Attacks Repulsed On All Fronts Say Russians

By The Associated Press MOSCOW, Wednesday, July 9.—The Red army today announced it had launched a series of counter-attacks against German forces at many points along a 1,000-mile front stretching almost from the Black sea to the Baltic, successfully driving the invaders back in disorder in big tank, artillery and airplane battles.

At the southern end of the long front Soviet troops, said a communique of the Soviet Information bureau, "carried out a counter-attack against Rumanian and German troops, driving them back in disorder beyond the Prut," the river border between Bessarabia and Rumania proper which the Germans crossed several days ago.

In the vicinity of Balti in the center of Bessarabia, apparently the scene of the bitterest fighting here, the Germans withdrew in disorder "throwing away arms and equipment," said the communique.

At other points, particularly at Ostrov, in the Baltic region near the Estonian border, at Polotsk, to the south, and in the Novograd-Volynski sector, locale of the main German thrust toward Lev and the Ukraine, Russian troops "supported by artillery, tanks and aircraft made a number of powerful counter-attacks, holding up the enemy advance," the communique stated.

Nazi Repulsed In the Novograd-Volynski region, where the Germans have been pouncing hard for several days, the Russian forces battled especially fiercely, stubbornly repulsing a large German offensive by tank units, the Soviet statement said.

Fierce fighting continued on into Wednesday in the area about Polotsk near the Latvian border, with the Germans trying to entrench themselves on the northern banks of the Dvina river, big artery which flows into the Baltic and forms a main Russian defense barrier.

This attack was centered at Borkovichi, which lies 20 miles northwest of Polotsk.

Vessels of the Russian northern fleet, with air force cooperation, "made a successful landing for cooperation with the Red army," the communique said, without stating

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FOUR SWEDISH SHIPS ARE SUNK

Long Range Nazi Air Raider Pounces on British Convoy Off Africa

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The Irene Maria, 1,862 tons, a (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

GAUSE SERVICES SET FOR TODAY

Business Manager of Country Schools Dies Following Heart Attack

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock for Thomas J. Gause, business manager of the New Hanover county school system for the past 20 years, who died at his home yesterday morning after a few hours illness.

The rites will be conducted from the late residence at 514 Market street, with Dr. J. Harry Whitmore, Rev. Alexander Miller and Rev. Edwin F. Keever officiating.

At the time of his death, which resulted from a heart attack suffered Monday night, Mr. Gause was 59 years old.

H. M. Roland, superintendent of schools, said Mr. Gause worked late Monday in the office of the board of education, finishing up his reports for the fiscal year just ended.

Germans Renew Raids; Little Damage Reported

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Wednesday, July 9.—German warplanes subjected widely scattered points in Britain to desultory bombings early today, interspersing their high-explosive and incendiary missiles with fluttering leaflets proclaiming:

"The battle of the Atlantic is being lost."

The propaganda-slanted raids, which caused some casualties but were declared to have done little damage in the midlands, east Anglia, the southwest and northeast Scotland, were apparently in response to Britain's incessant and heavy bombing of German territory on the continent.

That campaign, hammered home by hundreds of planes, was directed last night at targets in northern France and Germany, including the Nazi naval base of Wilhelmshaven.

CIO Raps Government For Use of Soldiers

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Twenty-four hours after the close of a tumultuous CIO legislative conference, CIO headquarters issued an announcement today that the meeting had endorsed unanimously the view of its leaders in condemning use of federal troops in strikes.

The announcement said a resolution had been adopted approving the stand taken by CIO President Philip Murray, President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers "in emphatically condemning the use of armed forces to break strikes."

Among the units containing these men, he continued, is an anti-aircraft detachment in Hawaii, so that at the end of the one-year service a large portion of the unit might have to be brought home and replacements would have to come from raw material.

The same situation applies in Alaska, Panama, Bermuda, Trinidad or Newfoundland, he added.

A measure to defer men over 28 from selective service, already passed by the Senate, is scheduled for House consideration tomorrow.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for Wilmington and Masonboro Inlet, including temperature, humidity, and precipitation data.