

Retention Bill Passage Seen By Two-To-One

SENATE POLL TAKEN Administration Confident of Keeping Selectees, Reserve, Guard Longer

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—An informal administration poll indicated today that the Senate would grant two-to-one approval of legislation empowering the President to prolong the service periods of all army personnel.

The poll, taken by White House lieutenants, showed the opponents could muster a maximum of only 20 votes, out of the total Senate membership of 95.

Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the majority leader, announced that the legislation would be taken up Thursday, and said he hoped debate could be completed "in a few days."

The military committee, reporting the extension measure formally today, said it would serve notice on the world "that this nation is continuing without cessation to do everything necessary to provide a strong, effective and adequate national defense."

Pointing out that the army had requested a declaration of national emergency, the committee report said that such a declaration was not included in the legislation because it might precipitate considerable debate and prompt action was necessary.

The measure simply empowers the President to hold all soldiers in service "for such periods of time as may be necessary for national defense."

Meanwhile, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) introduced a substitute bill to carry out his plan for holding selectees for 12 months beyond their present service period and reservists for 24 months.

Senate leaders said that the Far-Eastern situation, with its potential threat to American interests, had made easier their task of passing the draft legislation approved by the military committee.

"Sentiment rapidly is crystallizing behind the bill," said Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), a member of the Foreign Relations committee. "Members of the Senate are realizing that our vital interests are involved in the Pacific, and they do not want to impede any steps the government may take to protect them."

Late in the day the Senate confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of Douglas MacArthur to be a lieutenant general in command of the United States Army in the Far East.

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Policy of leniency toward married men is being modified by General J. Van B. Metts, state

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Jap Press Indicates Reprisals

Dutch East Indies Object of Bitter Denunciation; Action Bluntly Hinted

TOKYO, Tuesday, July 29.—The Japanese hinted today of far-reaching consequences of the action of the Netherlands East Indies in cutting off oil supplies, breaking off a monetary agreement and freezing commerce with Japan.

The foreign office-controlled Japan Times-Advertiser, already calling the United States "hostile" and attributing to her the leadership of the economic offensive against Japan, declared that the Dutch colonial government was "in league with the United States and Britain."

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Far-Reaching Effect The Dutch action, Japanese said, possibly will bring consequences even further-reaching than the United States action in freezing credits of Japan since the Dutch islands are Japan's nearest substantial source of oil.

In fact, it was said, oil may be

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SOUTH CAROLINIAN HEADS ROAD BODY

Succeeds Wilmington's W. Louis Fisher As President Of Ocean Route Group

ELIZABETH CITY, July 28.—(AP)—The Ocean Highway association installed Robert Clark of Charleston, S. C., as its president tonight to succeed W. Louis Fisher of Wilmington, and then adjourned its sixth annual business meeting.

The association also passed two resolutions: Endorsing the efforts of groups in Savannah, Ga., and Beaufort and Charleston, S. C., to obtain necessary bridge construction to shorten the highway district between Charleston and Savannah and the immediate coastal points, and, Agreeing requesting the North Carolina Highway commission to widen

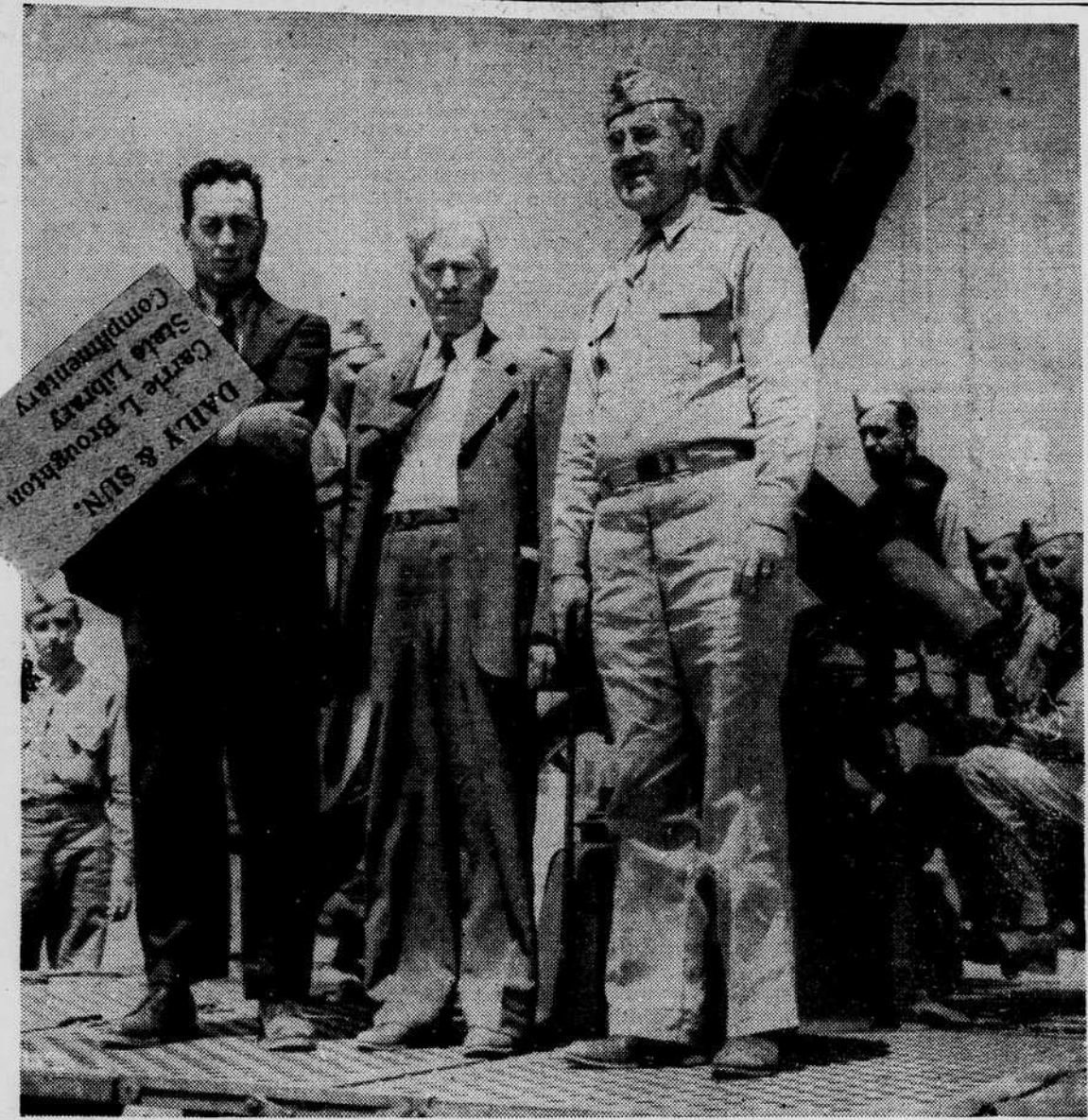
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Marriage To Evade Draft Summons Spiked By New Service Board Rule

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AS THE ARMY THANKED WILMINGTON—In appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of the citizens of Wilmington and New Hanover county to Camp Davis, its officers and men, the Coast Artillery anti-aircraft firing center yesterday played host to the city and county. Three thousand persons in more than 500 automobiles trekked to Holly Ridge to view the camp and its modern training facilities.

Camp Davis Tour Thrills 3,000 Wilmington Visitors

By ROBERT BIGGS Wilmingtonians en masse were the guests of Brig.-Gen. James B. Crawford yesterday as Camp Davis held open house in celebration of "Wilmington" day.

Estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000 civilians took advantage of the opportunity for a first-hand inspection of the anti-aircraft base. Highlight of the day was a review of the 93rd, 94th and 54th Coast Artillery regiments, which closed the program.

Following the brief program the guests returned to their cars, which were divided into convoys of ten or twelve each, and escorted by officers on tours of the camp and reservation.

Inspections were made of barracks, mess halls, infirmaries and other company buildings. Probably the one thing that left the most outstanding impression on the majority of the guests was the striking

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97 Deaths Attributed To Heat As Nation's Heat Wave Continues

By Associated Press Showers cooled New England yesterday and relief was sighted in the northern tier of states but the season's worst heat wave continued broiling the midlands swelter belt.

Deaths attributed to the humid heat kept pace with the mercury, totaling at least 97. There were, in addition, 106 drownings reported.

Forecasters at Chicago said showers would cool the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin and that the New England and New York state shower zone would spread to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and possibly to Washington, D. C.

They said, however, that "the end is not yet in sight" for Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, lower Michigan, the middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys.

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PENDER MYSTERY SUSPECTS FREED

Trio Held in Jail Released After Recovery of Negro's Body from Creek

Reporting that he was satisfied they were not involved in the drowning of Luther McDowell, colored woodyard operator, Pender County Coroner H. E. Blake last night ordered the release of three men who had been arrested Sunday on suspicion of complicity in the death.

The official announced that all suspicion of complicity of the three men—two white and one colored—had been erased following recovery of the negro's body from Island creek, five miles east of Castle Hayne.

NAZIS ADMIT SMOLENSK BATTLE STILL RAGING; REDS CLAIM SUCCESSES

GERMAN DRIVE FAILS Bolivian Charges Irk Nazis PREPARE NEW ASSAULT

Russians Report Nazi Offensive is Cracking After Futile Frontal Assaults

By The Associated Press MOSCOW, Tuesday, July 29.—Soviet Russia officially claimed today that the German offensives aimed at Moscow and Kiev are "breaking against the firmness and stubbornness of our troops" and that counter-attacking Red soldiers had inflicted heavy losses on the Germans in some areas of the vast front.

The heaviest fighting was in the Smolensk sector, where the Germans are attempting to break through to Moscow, and in the Zhitomir area, the battleground for the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

The Soviet information bureau indicated in its morning communique that Russian forces passed to energetic counter-drives after the German drives bogged down.

No Great Changes Aside from the Smolensk and Zhitomir fighting, the communique said, there were no important combats on the front.

It declared that 109 German planes were brought down Saturday while only 36 Russian planes were lost.

At sea, the Russians asserted Red planes had sunk a German torpedo boat and two patrol boats in the Baltic. The communique acknowledged the loss of a Russian torpedo boat.

Reports last night had indicated that Red troops had seized the initiative on the approaches to Kiev and Moscow.

This turn in the battle for Western Russia, which followed Moscow's official claims that the whole of the Nazi invasion had been reduced from Blitzkrieg tempo to a siege of the Soviet vastnesses, was indirectly reported by the Soviet high command itself in a communique of extraordinarily confident tone.

"Fighting actions of our troops continued in the directions of Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir," said the afternoon war bulletin, thus abandoning for the first time in days a ported only exclusively defensive operations in "stubborn battles" and "fierce fighting."

At Tip of Salet Nevel is at the northern end of the central German salient pointed (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

JAPANESE SHIPS GIVEN CLEARANCE

U. S. to Permit Vessels to Touch and Clear American Ports Temporarily

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The United States informed Japan tonight that prompt clearance would be granted Japanese ships from American ports.

This action apparently assured that Japanese vessels now waiting off the west coast for clarification of the United States "freezing" order would proceed into port.

Among these is the big Japanese liner Tatuta Maru with a large number of American passengers aboard.

The assurance of prompt clearance under present conditions was given by Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, at a conference with the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura.

Florida Officials Launch Search For Missing Lelia Bryan, Daughter

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., July 28.—(AP)—Joseph Turley, following a British suggestion, has written President Ismet Inonu of Turkey assuring him that Soviet Russia has no intention of seizing control of the Dardanelles, Turkish gateway between the Mediterranean and Black Seas, it was learned tonight on the highest authority.

for a woman and a child answering the Bryan descriptions. In addition, radio stations at Sarasota and Bradenton in Manatee county, Tampa in Hillsborough county and Clearwater and St. Petersburg in Pinellas county have brought the matter to the attention of their listeners, seeking immediate information as to the possible whereabouts of the woman and child.

According to information received at Clearwater the missing woman and child were reported in Wilmington as having been seen in the Pinellas county seat. Should this report be true it is believed that the publicity given the case in this section will locate or at least bring some trace of them.

Investigation, said authorities, will be facilitated since this is an exceedingly quiet season along the coast with practically no tourists in the vicinity

Bolivian Charges Irk Nazis

Berlin Hints that United States Responsible for "Forged" Documents

By The Associated Press BERLIN, July 28.—Germany struck again today at Bolivian charges of a German conspiracy to overthrow the La Paz government and a "third power" was accused by a spokesman of the crude forgery of a letter involved in the incident.

It was strongly implied that the "third power" was the United States. In a setting of microphones, cameras and foreign newspapermen, the German foreign office made public a note to Bolivia saying the Reich's government "again launches the sharpest protest" against the falsification in the crudest manner possible of the letter, which purported to be from Major Elias Belmonte Pabon, a Bolivian military and air attaché who has been dismissed by his government on a charge of treason, to German Minister Ernest Wendler, expelled from La Paz.

Reads Declaration Maj. Belmonte Pabon himself read a prepared declaration in Spanish to the foreign correspondents declaring that, "upon my word of honor as an officer, I never addressed either this letter or any other piece

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A. C. L.'S INCOME SHOWS INCREASE

Revenues for First Half of Year Exceed 1940 by \$8,500,000

An increase of more than \$8,500,000 over the last year's operating income figures was shown by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company during the first six months of 1941, report issued at the general offices of the company here yesterday indicates, more than \$34,788,000 in revenues was taken in this year.

Operating revenues for the first half of 1939 were \$26,119,358. The half-year report also showing revenues for the past month were \$5,230,953 in comparison to \$3,407,932 for June of 1940 and \$3,404,486 for June of 1939.

Operating expenses for the first half of this year totaled \$22,736,293 against \$20,669,331 for the first six months of 1940 and \$18,892,282 for from January 1 to June 30 of 1939.

The half-year report also show net operating revenues of \$12,042,521; deduct taxes, \$3,750,000; operating income, \$8,292,521; Equip and Jt. Fac. Rents, a deficit of \$1,407,887.

Net railway operating income for the six-month period was \$6,884,634 in comparison to \$1,143,051 for the corresponding period in 1940 and \$2,711,882 for a like term in 1939.

The June report disclosed operating expenses of \$3,553,553; net operating revenues, \$1,677,400; deduct taxes, \$600,000; operating income, \$1,077,400; Equip. and Jt. Fac. Rents, deficit of \$261,453, and net railway operating income, \$815,947.

Commissioners To Set Bond Schedule Monday

With New Hanover county on the brink of launching perhaps its greatest school improvement program, officials yesterday were preparing to arrange details for issuance of bonds voted in the recent \$500,000 election.

A New York bond attorney firm, Masslich and Mitchell, was understood preparing forms for the proper procedure in the authorization for sale of the bonds and other details.

County commissioners are expected next Monday to adopt a resolution fixing denominations and life of the bonds. Full details, however, they do not care to announce until they are completed.

However, it is expected that bids for the various work will be advertised soon. There are 11,000 school students in the county.

NIPPON TROOPS TAKE OVER BASES

Trucks Arrive in Indo-China With Thousands Of Japanese Soldiers

(By The Associated Press) SAIGON, French Indo-China, July 28.—(AP)—Japanese troops moved toward their new Indo-China bases by land and sea today under a Tokyo-Wichy agreement giving them use of this French possession's roads and possibly railroads.

Four transports and four destroyers were expected here Wednesday (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

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