

Army Considers City As Center For New Depot

TO SERVE MANEUVERS Choice Lies Between Wilmington, Columbia, S. C.; Big Payroll Involved

Location of a gigantic fresh fruits and vegetable procurement depot in Wilmington in conjunction with the fall maneuvers of 400,000 U. S. troops was seen as likely last night with word that Capt. J. A. Roberts would arrive here before Sept. 15 to "look over the situation." Columbia, S. C., is also bidding for the supply depot.

Figuring in dollars and cents what the produce supply project would mean to the city and to nearby farmers could not be definitely determined, but it was said that it would run into thousands of dollars, with \$100,000 in salaries alone going to civilian workers, employed during the three month period, and operating expenses.

Buyers at the market, should it be located here, would have governmental authority vested in them to spend up to \$100,000 in cash on the open market during any one period for fresh supplies such as potatoes, oranges, apples, lemons, beans, tender greens of all sorts and other vegetables that go to round out healthy meals for the soldiers while they are at actual war maneuvers in the field.

Surplus Bread

In addition to the produce market, buyers have already been vested the power to purchase all the surplus bread that can be turned out in all Wilmington bakeries. This buying would mean an average of 50,000 loaves of bread daily for a period of at least 15 days, or until such time as the regular army field bakery could be set up for the production of between 100,000 and 200,000 loaves of field bread daily.

Wilmington alone would have had here some 425 enlisted men and 40 officers during the maneuvers, these in addition to the necessary 150 civilian workers that it will require if the procurement depot is opened. The enlisted men include 125 white and 300 colored.

An idea of the produce that will be purchased through the market here is the fact that the soldiers will require 1,200 men and women.

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SOUTH AMERICANS SLASH AT NAZIS

Argentina Demands Politically-Active Press Attache Appear for Questioning

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Aug. 20.—(AP)—A congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities insisted today that Gottfried Sandstede, German embassy press attache, appear before it for questioning after Sandstede refused on the grounds of diplomatic immunity.

While the capital speculated on a report that the German ambassador, Edmund von Thernann, had been recalled to Berlin—a report the embassy denied—there was another incident of renewed friction between the two governments.

Erich Otto Meynen, German charge d'affaires, protested to the foreign office against newspaper pictures purporting to show the burning of documents in the German embassy courtyard.

Despite the embassy's denial of von Thernann's recall, Argentine foreign office sources intimated they expected some change in German diplomatic setup here.

Lacks Immunity

In an exchange of notes with the foreign office the congressional committee contended Sandstede was not entitled to diplomatic immunity because he was a salaried employee of a commercial firm and had been called to testify in that capacity.

Meynen said the embassy court yard pictures appearing in the pro-democratic afternoon newspaper, La Critica, did not show burning documents, but merely leaves and branches of trees the gardener had pruned.

There also were reports in diplomatic circles that von Thernann's successor already had arrived from Berlin.

TO BUILD PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, announced today the government would build, at a cost of \$52,000,000, aluminum plants in Arkansas, New York, and the Bonneville dam area.

DAVIS REACHES FULL STRENGTH

Arrival of 500 Selectees to Give Anti-Aircraft Center 20,000 Complement

Camp Davis will reach its full strength of 20,000 officers and enlisted men at noon today with the arrival of 500 New York selectees for assignment to the 96th Coast Artillery, anti-aircraft regiment, it was announced last night.

Arrival of the group shortly before noon today will boost the payroll at the camp to better than \$1,000,000, the greater part of which finds its way into Wilmington despite the fact that the training center is located in Onslow county, 50 miles north of the city.

The million-dollar figure includes the pay of 900 civilian workers at the camp, and under the current expansion program it is said that the civilian staff will be increased to 2,000 men and women.

First From Bragg

The first troops for Camp Davis were sent from Fort Bragg last night. These were assigned to the complement as a cadre around which additional arrivals were given their training. Since then, there have arrived at intervals...

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Proposed Truck Route Here Wins Endorsement

Openly endorsing the Junior Chamber of Commerce's proposal before city council that a separate truck route be established through Wilmington to help relieve downtown traffic problems, Dr. Guy Gooding of Kenansville, district highway commissioner, said through the Junior Chamber that he would lend his every effort to the project.

A member of the Jaycees reported that Dr. Gooding said the state highway commission would bear the expenses of paving whatever sections of the proposed route that were in need of such repairs.

First plans for such a route—customary in most large cities where the main highway leads through the heart of the downtown area—was brought before the council yesterday by Claude O'Shields, president of the Junior Chamber.

Mr. O'Shields, speaking in behalf of the entire organization, said that the group considered the present route on Third street constituted "a menace to life and property" and that action to alleviate the hazard be taken as soon as possible.

No Action Taken

Although no action was taken by council, Mayor Hargrove Bellamy told Mr. O'Shields and a committee that appeared with him, that the city had been giving such a plan a thorough study and that the Jaycees could rest assured that their



NEW NAZI BATTLESHIP IN ACTION—According to the official Nazi caption with this photo, which was flashed by radio from Berlin to New York, a new German battleship is shown firing her 15-inch guns at sea. The turret arrangement is similar to that on the battleship Bismarck, sunk by the British on her maiden cruise in May.

TOBACCO HOLDS ABOVE \$30 MARK

Unfavorable Weather Cuts Volume, Though Prices Consistently Good

Despite heavy rains throughout the Border Belt yesterday, sales were very satisfactory with some markets reporting the highest averages for the season. The Fairmont Tobacco Board of Trade reported an average of \$30.50 and a total of \$329,874.01, to lead all other markets. The top basket price reached \$59.00.

Approximately 2,200 tobacco growers realized profits on the Whiteville market as the town was crowded with visitors and the merchants were extremely busy. The same high level of prices continued throughout the day with an occasional pile of wrappers shooting up to \$55 to \$58. Hundreds of farmers were averaging around \$40 per hundred on their entire sale ranging from 5 to 8 piles. No tags were turned as the auctioneers moved 890,000 pounds with an average of \$30.

The quality of the golden leaf dropped sharply on the Tab or City market, but prices held up very well. 204,420 pounds were sold for an average of \$28.53 per hundred. Common grades were sky high and some farmers reported prices were "highest they ever received for trash," running as high as \$36. Quality leaf hit a new high of \$50, but the volume diminished as marketing moved up stalk from lugs and primings to leaf and tips.

Rain interfered with sales and deliveries on the Chadbourn market with 101,972 pounds cleared for an average of \$29.40. The highest basket price reached during the day was \$47.

VALTIN ASKS PARDON

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Jan Valtin, author of the book "Out of the Night," applied to Gov. Culbert L. Olson today for a pardon as a step in his fight against deportation to Germany.

STATE REVENUE HEAD RE-NAMED

Governor Broughton Appoints Maxwell for Fourth Term as Finance Chief

RALEIGH, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today reappointed Allen J. Maxwell commissioner of revenue for a term expiring January 1, 1945.

With the appointment of Maxwell, the governor quieted persistent rumors that Maxwell would be appointed head of a new division of tax research and that someone else—the rumors suggested Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill—would be placed at the head of the state's revenue department.

Maxwell was one of several candidates who ran against Governor Broughton in the Democratic gubernatorial primary last year. Maxwell ran third in the primary and threw his support to Broughton afterwards, probably influencing W. P. Horton of Pittsboro, who

Bellamy to Confer With Federal Agency In Washington Today

Mayor Hargrove Bellamy will confer in Washington today with Col. M. E. Gilmore, director of the defense public works division of the Federal Works Agency regarding certain municipal needs to meet the needs of the growing "defense" population of this city.

Among requests which are expected to top the list are those for a water and sewer extension project and additional facilities to take care of educational requirements on a greatly expanded school enrollment this year.

The Mayor is expected to base his arguments on the fact that the city has grown in the last year from a 35,000 population to a current figure of 70,000 and an anticipated total of 80,000 by the first of the year.

EAST'S GASOLINE RESERVE DOWN TO 10-DAY SUPPLY

Deputy Petroleum Coordinator Discloses Situation Alarmingly Acute; Predicts Harsh Regulations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—shut down for lack of power," he said.

Gasoline in storage in the Eastern area last week totaled 20,476,000 barrels, he said, of which about 14,000,000 were unavailable for use because they were at the bottom of tanks, filled with sludge, or in process of refining. The remainder, 6,476,000 barrels, constituted only a ten-day supply.

Continuing, he gave these statistics on the situation: Gasoline inventories dropped 893,000 barrels last week. Heating and fuel oils in storage are 1,400,000 barrels less than a year ago this time.

Heavy industrial oils are some 2,500,000 barrels less than a year ago, with the demand for them up ten per cent.

An average daily shipment of 461,500 barrels from Gulf coast

REDS COUNTER-ATTACK WITH AIR-BORNE TANKS; HITLER CLAIMS GAIN

NAZIS CITE ADVANCE Duke of Kent Will Visit Roosevelt on Week-End

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The state department announced today that the Duke of Kent, brother of King George VI of Great Britain, would spend the coming week-end with President Roosevelt at Hyde Park and return with him to Washington Monday.

The duke, who has been touring Canada, will arrive by airplane at LaGuardia Airport, New York, Saturday. They will go immediately to Hyde Park. The party will return here Monday for dinner at the White House.

RUSSIAN RE-CAPTURE

MOSCOW, Thursday, Aug. 21.—The Russians reported today that airborne tanks laden with Red army infantrymen landed deep within the German lines and dealt a slashing blow in a continuing series of counter-attacks while a similar Nazi stratagem was crushed by Soviet "exterminator" squads.

Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said these Russian counter-attacks on the central front already had broken three German defense lines and recaptured five population centers, the flying tank troopers and foot soldiers sailing down to decide the issue at the third German line.

The Soviet Information bureau, while ignoring this account said the Germans landed large parachute forces and three tankettes behind the Russian lines at an undisclosed place but that the whole party was smashed.

The communique listed the major battle areas as Novgorod, Kingisepp and Staraya Russia, all in the Leningrad defense zone from the Estonian border to the Lake Ilmen region about 140 miles south of Leningrad. Gomel, in the central zone where Red Star told of success; and around Odessa, the big Ukraine port on the Black sea in the sector where the Germans have made their deepest gains.

(A special communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters late Wednesday claimed the smashing of 25 Russian divisions in a gigantic battle around Gomel, with capture of 78,000 prisoners, many tanks, guns and two armored trains. It tended to confirm the Russian flying tank story, saying two brigades of air-borne Russians were defeated or captured.)

Naval Action

The navy paper, Red Fleet, said also that the Hango base dominating the entrance to the Baltic sea was staging off repeated German-Finnish attacks and had made counter-raids capturing islands surrounding that southwestern tip of Finland.

In the central land area, not otherwise identified, the forces of General Konev have been advancing for three days, Red Star said.

First, the Russians threw tanks, planes, artillery and infantry into a titanic assault which drove the Germans out of front lines and routed them a second time when

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BRITAIN SEES LONG RED WAR

Soviet Assurances Given Hopkins Reaffirm Faith in Ability to Hold Nazis

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Official optimism in Washington and London over Russia's chance in the struggle with Germany is based on three assurances given to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill by Harry Hopkins during their Atlantic conference, it was reported reliably tonight.

The assurances which emerged from Hopkins' conference with Russia's Premier Joseph Stalin on his recent visit to Russia were these:

1. Nazi efforts to raise a fifth column within Russia have failed;
2. Despite the terrific blows of the German armies, Moscow has been able to maintain unbroken communications between general headquarters and the three field army groups;
3. Soviet industrial expansion in the past five years has been on such a scale that even if the Germans hold the Western Ukraine the Russians will be able—with some American and British help for immediate needs—to equip new armies and organize new air formations for the duration of a long war.

Explaining failure of a German fifth column in Russia, an informant declared, "There were numerous Nazi spies and fifth columnists in Russia at the outbreak of the war," he said. "These were allowed to work until the OGPU (Russian secret police) had the information it needed. Then they were shot."

"Stalin, like Hitler, is the real war leader of his nation," the informant said. "He maps the grand strategy of the campaign and leaves it to the army commanders to carry out."

Although the Soviet government was said to have been hesitant at first to accept British promises of aid, Moscow now is reported considerably impressed by the message from Roosevelt and Churchill.

Hopkins is believed to have impressed Stalin with Britain's confidence in the Soviet Union.

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PETAIN DECREES PROVINCIAL RULE

Orders Nation Under Medieval Type Government; Politics Banned

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Chief of State Marshal Petain today definitely ordered reorganization of France along medieval provincial lines.

He instructed the national council, charged with the reorganization, to create virtually autonomous provincial regimes ruled by governors whose authority and prestige would be incontestable.

The new setup, as outlined by the marshal, carries out one of his favored ideas of "centralized decentralization," or authoritative local governments subject to the central government only for general policies.

His letter told the committee that the head of each province "will be a governor, a high personality representing the chief of state," in the provincial council, he said, will be a simple advisory body and "in no case shall it be transformed into a political assembly."

French Deny Surrender Of Fleet In Wooing U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—American relations depended upon the acts of the Vichy government in carrying out its collaboration decisions.

Henry-Hayé said he called on his own initiative to give Hull an explanation of Chief of State Petain's speech last week in which the angered marshal spoke of collaboration with Germany as "a long term labor" and said the French must turn themselves "toward broad perspectives which can open up a reconciled continent."

In telling newsmen of his conference with Hull, the ambassador asserted that there was nothing in the Petain address to justify an assumption that "we intend to surrender the fleet or take new military steps."

France by necessity, he said, had to do some things which might not entirely please the United States. But he added that the leaders of France were as good Frenchmen as could be found anywhere and that his one desire was to maintain the long-existing friendly relations with the United States.

He said he had shown Secretary Hull a collection of American press cartoons and articles which he described as "insulting" to Marshal Petain.

The ambassador said that since his arrival here a year ago the French government has "been accused of doing many things which have not been done," citing as examples the surrender of the fleet and naval bases.

U. S. Press Praised For Honest, Accurate News Dissemination

BOSTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—American press associations are the fairest and finest news gathering and news disseminating agencies in the world, Lowell Mellett, administrative aid to President Roosevelt, says in an article written for the September issue of the Atlantic monthly.

Mellett says that press associations and the American radio have set a standard of truthful reporting that has caused their reports to be believed, and nothing except a sudden change to dishonesty can take that advantage away from them.

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Youths Accused of Cuban Bombing Are Released

HAVANA, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Urgency court today released for lack of evidence four youths detained in connection with one of four bombings here Monday night.

The court said there was no other accusation than that of the proprietor of one of the bombed establishments, and that police laboratory tests showed existence of no nitrate on the hands or clothing of the four youths. Three of them had been held in jail, the fourth, because of youth, in custody of his parents.

WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair in Interior, cloudy with showers along the coast, continued cool Thursday, Friday sunny and warm.

(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. 88; 7:30 p. m. 79; maximum 88; minimum 70; mean 79; normal 77.

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 94; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m. 65; 7:30 p. m. 69.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.27 inches. Total since the first of the month 3.14 inches.

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

	High	Low
Wilmington	8:39a	3:29p
	9:11p	3:42p
Masonboro Inlet	6:17a	12:20a
	6:39p	12:29p

Rise 5:38a; **set** 6:52p; **moonlight** 8:24a; **moonset** 6:50p.

Capo Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. 9.15 feet.

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