

## Neutrality Short Cut Proposed

### Pepper Suggests FDR May Revoke Combat Zone Decree Of 1939

## AVOID CONTROVERSY

### Florida Solon Believes Revocation Would Speed Lend-Lease Shipments

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Senator Pepper (D. Fla.) suggested today that President Roosevelt short-cut the congressional controversy over revising the Neutrality act by executive action which would permit American ships to carry cargoes to England. The Florida senator, long one of the more aggressive exponents of assistance to the British, proposed in a Senate speech that Mr. Roosevelt simply revoke his proclamation of 1939 making the restrictions of the law effective and delineating "combat zones" which American merchantmen may not enter.

## \$11,000 LAND DEAL IS RECORDED HERE

### Increased Value Of Downtown Property Noted In Sale Of 105 Market St.

Pointed to by realtors as indicative of the soaring value of downtown business property, a 15-foot frontage and building located at 105 Market street Thursday changed hands for a sum in excess of \$11,000, according to title records filed with Adrian B. Rhodes, county register of deeds.

## Tip To Wilmington's Housewives: Buy Lots Of Potatoes, Beans

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—If housewives in the Wilmington and Fayetteville areas want to take advantage of the best buys in fresh fruits and vegetables currently available, they should include in their meals this week sweet potatoes and string beans with desserts built around apples.

## Davis Wives Organize Welfare Association

At the call of Mrs. Frederic H. Smith, wife of the commanding officer, wives of Camp Davis officers and men have begun organization of the Camp Davis Welfare Association, a group designed to render advice and assistance to all families of military personnel stationed at the anti-aircraft reservation.

## Flatbush Hotly Resents Furriner First In Line

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP)—There were harsh words in Brooklyn today for one John Green, who was called a saboteur, a fifth columnist and a bum.

## DEFENSE SECRETS KEPT FROM JURY

### Judge Rules FBI Evidence In Nazi Spy Trial Too Vital To Publish

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Defense secrets, some of them too hot for the eyes and ears of a federal court jury and all of them allegedly snatched from German spies, were introduced in evidence today at the trial of 16 men charged with espionage conspiracy.

## OIL SHORTAGE AGAIN DENIED

### Senate Group Reaffirms Contention No Real Emergency Exists

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A Senate committee, told that the railroads could begin hauling 200,000 barrels of petroleum daily to the eastern seaboard within two weeks, unofficially reaffirmed today its findings that a threatened gasoline shortage could be avoided if proper steps were taken.

## CONGRESS PROBE ASKED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—A congressional investigation of a general accounting office report accusing the National Youth Administration of "questionable" transactions was asked today by Aubrey Williams, NYA administrator.

gent, comforted Green who still was first in line tonight when hundreds of King county dwellers began crowding near the entrances—some with chairs, warm coats and lunches.

## Two Youths Released After Questioning In Marion Miley Slaying

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Case of the Miley slayings at Lexington was wiped clear of acknowledged suspects tonight with the release from custody at nearby Shelbyville of the second of two boys who were questioned by state and local authorities.

## CAROLINA BATTLE PLANS COMPLETED

### General Drum To Address Soldiers, Civilians Today; Governors Honored

MONROE, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Some 12,000 officers and noncommissioned officers will assemble here tomorrow to confer with Lieut.-Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commander of the First army, on plans for the Battle of the Carolinas, which for the next two months will engage nearly 500,000 troops in 16 counties.

## Both Chinese, Japanese Claim Big Hunan Victory

SHANGHAI, Oct. 2.—(AP)—With both Chinese and Japanese claiming a significant victory in the two-week campaign in Hunan province, the Japanese today launched a new offensive 500 miles to the north, in Honan province, apparently aimed, as was the other, at erasing the stigma of an old defeat.

## WEATHER

FORECAST:  
North Carolina—Partly cloudy, showers in the mountains Friday, Saturday, partly cloudy, scattered showers.  
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

## City Will Seek Air Line Link

### Wilmington And Hanover Delegation To Appear At Capital Hearing

## FOUR FIRMS INVOLVED

### Group Will Press Claims To Washington Board On October 13

For the purpose of renewing Wilmington's fight for a commercial airline linking this district with other principal Atlantic coast cities, a delegation of Wilmington and New Hanover county business, professional and public leaders will attend a Civil Aeronautics board meeting in Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.

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## AMERICAN FLIERS ROUT NAZI AIRMEN

### Eagles Scatter 25 Messerschmitts, Down Four Over France

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Peeling off in sections of four from a patrol high over France, an American Eagle fighter squadron dived on a flight of 25 Messerschmitts today and sent four of them down in flames.

## Paulette Goddard's Mother Wins Uncontested Divorce

RENO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Alta Fleming, mother of Screen Actress Paulette Goddard, won an uncontested divorce today from Earl K. Fleming, Los Angeles mining man, on grounds of extreme cruelty and non-support. They were married at Las Vegas, Nev., April 2, 1940.

## Red Infantry Routs Nazis From Trenches

MOSCOW, Friday, Oct. 3.—(AP)—German trenches before Leningrad are being overrun by Red infantry charges and Soviet marines have landed on the Gulf of Finland coast west of that city to dig in and harass the Nazi flanks, military dispatches said today.



HOLLYWOOD'S JEANETTE MACDONALD and Gene Raymond inaugurated their plan of "Date Leaves" for servicemen under USO auspices. Shown serving refreshments the screen couple had as guests at their Bel Air home 10 men from the Army and Navy and 10 girls from the University of Southern California and UCLA.

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### Move Would Spare Berlin Necessity Of Severing Diplomatic Links

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## Russian Press Hails Allies Aid Agreement As End Of Hitlerism

MOSCOW, Oct. 2.—(AP)—American and British delegates to the tri-power conference visited Lenin's tomb in Red square today as guests of the Soviet government. The delegates were entertained by Premier Stalin last night at a Kremlin banquet which lasted from 6 p. m. to 1:30 a. m.

## Derelict Nordic Pride Goes Under Heavy Seas While Guard Stands By

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The Nordic Pride, derelict fishing boat from Tacoma, disappeared under pounding waves tonight. The Coast Guard cutter Adriadne, which had been standing by since shortly after noon, awaiting abatement of high seas so she could send out a boarding party, radioed shortly before 8 p. m.

## OPM Places City On Priority Lists For Building Need

### Six Carolina Defense Centers Given Materials Preference

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Builders of privately-financed homes in Wilmington, Jacksonville and Morehead City are assured little trouble in obtaining materials, Donald M. Nelson, director of priorities, disclosed today.

## GERMAN DEATH DETAILS BUSY

### Many Hanged, Shot As Revolt Fires Spread Fiercely In Nazi-Occupied Lands

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Hangman and firing squad held sway in the writhing New Europe last night, as Germany stamped at an acknowledged "internal front" of revolt that stretched from Prague to Paris.

## BLAST WRECKS DOWNTOWN AREA

### 23 Suffer Serious Burns As Mystery Explosion Shatters Buildings

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Twenty-three persons were injured severely and one man was missing today after a terrific blast that shook the business district, levelled three two-story buildings and shattered plate glass fronts of several stores while the streets were crowded with afternoon shoppers.

## Retired Supreme Court Judge Louis Brandeis Reported Gravely Ill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis was reported gravely ill tonight after a heart attack.

## Gov. Rivers Attack Believed Kidnap Try

LAKELAND, Ga., Oct. 2.—(AP)—A strange attack on former Gov. E. D. Rivers and his wife late last night by an assailant who later committed suicide was believed by officers today to have been a kidnap plot that backfired.

## AFL STEVEDORE CHIEFTAIN SHOT

### Police Broadcast Alarm Following Slaying In Downtown Manhattan

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Emil Camarda, 56-year-old general vice-president of the Atlantic coast district of the AFL's International Longshoremen's association, was shot to death today in a building in the heart of the financial district.

## Two Trainmen Killed In Wichita Collision

WICHITA, Kas., Oct. 2.—(AP)—Two crewmen were killed and two others and a dozen passengers injured tonight in the head-on collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains, 10 miles northeast of Wichita.

## UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE

TOKYO, Friday, Oct. 3.—(AP)—The Japanese spokesman warned today that any shipment of supplies from The Netherlands' East Indies to Russia would be considered an unfriendly attitude.

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Rivers broke free, Mrs. Rivers suffered a gash over her left eye. Neighbors heard the calls for help and trailed the assailant to a Valdosta tourist camp where Valdosta police took up the chase. They found the man in a trailer and called for him to come out. Suddenly, he jammed a .32 caliber pistol into his mouth and fired.