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Preservation Of Law And Order For India Intended By British

Cripps Declares Stand Of Government On Issue For Duration Of The War TO BE GIVEN CHANCE

Indian People Will Have Full Opportunity To Attain Self-Rule

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, whose mission to settle the Indian problem failed last spring, declared in a statement today that Britain intended to "preserve law and order" in India until the war ended.

After the war, he said, the Indian people will be given an opportunity to attain the self-government which Indian Nationalist leaders are demanding. He said that for which he is prepared to launch a civil disobedience campaign.

Sir Stafford made his statement to the press as the working committee of the All-India Congress party adopted a resolution demanding independence for India. The resolution will be put before the full committee of the party at a meeting beginning in Bombay Friday.

"We make no threats," Cripps wrote, "but we must assert unequivocally our duty to India, to great minorities and to the United Nations to preserve law and order until hostilities cease and we can then give as we have promised the fullest opportunity for attainment of self-government by the Indian people."

"It is not yet too late for the Indian people to decide upon rapid and ordered progress."

"I can assure them that the British people are as determined upon self-government for India as they are themselves. We ask the great masses of India to be patient for a moment."

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TRUMAN ALSO CHARGES 'BIAS AND PREJUDICE' IN HIGGINS CASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A charge that the Navy's bureau of ships was guilty of "negligence or willful misconduct" in connection with plans to build special tank-carrying vessels has been placed before Secretary of the Navy Knox by Senator Truman (D-MO), chairman of the Senate Defense Investigating Committee.

A letter from Truman to Knox, which contained the charge, also asserted that the bureau had treated Higgins Industries, Inc., of New Orleans in a "biased and prejudiced" way in connection with the construction plans.

Truman explained to reporters that the Higgins firm was granted a contract for turning out tank lighters, to be used for transporting tanks from ship to shore where no wharves were available.

However, Truman said, production was held up for seven or eight months while the Navy checked on other types of tank lighters for possible use instead of those produced by Higgins.

"Finally, after our committee began investigating the matter," continued Truman, "the Navy ordered Higgins to go ahead with the production of the tank lighters as originally planned."

Truman said his complaint to Knox had nothing to do with the cancellation of the Higgins' contract to build Liberty cargo ships by mass production methods. This contract, a separate one, was cancelled by the Maritime Commission on the ground that insufficient steel was available, and a hot controversy has resulted.

Truman informed Knox that the Senate committee had taken testimony on action of officers of the Bureau of Ships and would not

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, little change in temperature today.

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

Temperature	1:30 a. m. 76; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 88; 7:30 p. m. 85; maximum 91; minimum 75; mean 83; normal 79.
Humidity	1:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 68; 7:30 p. m. 65.
Precipitation	Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.81 inches. Total since the first of the month 1.26 inches.
Tides For Today	(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High	5:08a 12:08a
Low	5:45p 12:19p
Masonboro Inlet	3:03a 9:14a
3:06p 9:50p	
Sunrise 5:27a; sunset 7:08p; moonrise 1:00a; moonset 3:02p.	

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When the photographer happened along near the El Alamein front in Egypt, this little pup was too busy watching for Germans or something to pose. His obliging master, a New Zealander, is pictured holding his head up as they rested in a slit trench. The pup had been born only a few weeks before during one of the big battles in the desert.—(Central Press.)

RAF CONTINUES NAZI BOMBINGS

Carry Out Determination To Hit Germany Regardless Of Weather

LONDON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The RAF's new determination to raid Germany regardless of weather conditions was carried out with an attack on the Ruhr last night through thunderstorms, solid overcast and even snow at the higher altitudes, the Air Ministry announced today.

"It was like flying through a white woolen blanket," said the gunner in a Halifax bomber.

There was no indication of the size of the attacking force, but despite the poor weather only one bomber was lost.

One fighter plane was lost on sweeps against trains and other objectives in occupied territory, and fighters and fighter-bombers returned to the attack this morning in clear weather.

Improved British anti-aircraft devices bagged six bombers yesterday out of small enemy forces ranging over southwest England and south Wales.

Two German fighter-bombers

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75 DAVIS OFFICERS GET PROMOTIONS

List Of Advancements Include Rank From Warrant Officer To Colonel

MOSCOW, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Major Gen. Follett Bradley, on a special flying mission from the United States to speed American aid to Russia, said tonight that deliveries of war material to the Soviet Union was becoming increasingly difficult due to German bombing or northern shipping lanes and the land offensive in the Caucasus.

He reiterated, however, United States determination to deliver the goods.

Acknowledging that the situation is serious in southern Russia, Bradley said, however, that the "American people accept the Russian reverses as a fortunate of war and have hope and even faith that the Russians will be able to hold."

Other essentials of the plan—as divulged by sources outside ODT but not denied by that agency—include the issuance of "certificates of necessity" to all drivers outside the present ration area.

These would specify, in addition to a basic minimum mileage allowance, additional mileage reckoned on actual vocational needs. Speedometer readings would afford the check on actual miles of travel.

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War Tide Is Starting To Turn, Former Dutch Premier Declares

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Premier Pieter S. Gerbrandy of the Dutch government-in-exile told his people in the German-occupied Netherlands tonight that the war tide is starting to turn and urged them to "await with wise patience the moment when the call comes from here, not only to take a passive but also an active part" in possible second front operations against the Nazis.

The strategic picture of the war has improved, he declared in a radio appeal as allied chieftains were reported reviewing alternatives to a mass invasion of the continent.

The Dutch Premier cited these reasons for saying that the tide of war is beginning to turn in favor of the United Nations:

1. Air superiority, with heavy bombardment upon war centers which are but a prelude to what will follow.
2. Although the attacking powers of Germany and Japan are far from exhausted, their limits are becoming clear.
3. The military rise of the United States.

Tobacco Mart Opens In N. C. This Morning

Last Minute Preparations Made For Selling Of 1942 Nicotine Crop

OPTIMISM PREVAILING

Reports From Southern Centers Indicate High Prices Are Ahead

FLORENCE, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A spirit of optimism prevailed throughout the border tobacco belt area of the two Carolinas tonight as last minute preparations were made for the selling of thousands of pounds of the new crop on 16 auction markets tomorrow.

Bigger production and better grades were factors in creating the feeling that a good season was ahead, but even more important were the reports from the Georgia-Florida border that prices had averaged above \$33 a hundredweight this year.

Last year's average price on the border belt was somewhat better than \$25.

Unofficial estimates placed the crop in South Carolina this year at from 85,000,000 to 90,000,000 pounds, compared with last year's 57,95,536 pounds, which was the

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Passenger Coach Fares To Be Raised In South

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Passenger coach fares in the south soon will be increased from 1.65 to 2.2 cents a mile, putting that section on the same basis as the rest of the country.

Permission for the southern railroads to make the increase was granted today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In a petition filed with the ICC July 14, in which they asked authority for the increase, the southern railroads said passenger operation long had been conducted at substantial losses. No objections were filed to the proposal, the ICC added.

CIO Head Urges AFL Aid In Halting War Strikes

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(AP)—CIO Chief Philip Murray today urged the American Federation of Labor to cooperate with the Congress of industrial organizations in a program designed to halt jurisdictional strikes for the duration of the war.

Murray stated he was "deeply concerned" by work stoppages caused by such differences and recalled that in a letter to AFL President Lincoln Green last Sunday, he had urged the creation of a joint CIO-AFL committee, with an impartial arbitrator, to handle all jurisdictional disputes between the two groups.

"I hope the federation will empower its president to mediate, conciliate and arbitrate," he said. "If the executive council (AFL) agrees to delegate that power to its president, I am prepared to assure America that there will not be another strike caused by jurisdictional disputes in the United States during the war. I depend on the A. F. of L. I am ready to do my part."

Murray defined his views in a speech before the annual convention of the United Automobile. Air-

craft and Agricultural Implement Workers Union (CIO).

Green, after attending a meeting of the AFL executive council, made no comment.

Murray also touched briefly on the agreement of the AFL and CIO to consider a reunion of their forces at a peace parity.

NEW GERMAN PUSH ADVANCES NEARER TO GREAT RUSSIAN STEEL CITY OF STALINGRAD

ICELAND RAIDED BY NAZI PLANES

Stage Second Assault In 48 Hours; No Casualties, Damage Reported

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Germans have made their second long-range aerial attack in 48 hours on isolated points in Iceland, the United States army announced today in a communique declaring a lighthouse manned by Icelanders on tiny Grimsey Island was machine-gunned by bombers.

No casualties or damage resulted from the gunfire directed yesterday morning at the light about eight miles off Holmavik, on the northwest coast.

A Focke-Wulf plane bombed and machine-gunned a military installation on the southeast coast of Iceland Sunday morning, the army said. No casualties results but small damage was done.

The army added that two hostile planes were reported over Iceland early today but disappeared without attempting an attack.

The plane attacking the lighthouse apparently was the same which passed over western Iceland early yesterday and set off a 45-minute air raid alarm in Reykjavik. Fighter planes went up but did not contact the raider.

2 PLANS ADVANCED ON KEEPING TIRES

Choice Of Mileage Rationing Or Nation-Wide Gas Restrictions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The problem of keeping tires on the nation's wheels resolved itself today into a choice between nationwide gasoline rationing, long supported by the Office of Price Administration, and a system of "mileage rationing" and speedometer check-ups, advocated by the Office of Defense Transportation.

A War Production Board spokesman, who declined to permit use of his name, said these were the only two plans before the Board, four hours yesterday and whose chairman Donald M. Nelson forecast a decision in two weeks.

Although ODT kept mum about details of its plan for rationing mileage, there were apparently reliable reports that the scheme called also for "gasless Sundays" or some other form of restriction on hours of selling gasoline to discourage pleasure driving.

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WLB Wants To Double Cargo Plane Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The War Production Board's committee on cargo planes has recommended the doubling, at least, of cargo plane production, Chairman Donald M. Nelson announced today, but he left squarely up to the military chiefs of staff the decision whether to cut down combat plane production to make the increase possible.

Three major recommendations of the committee, Nelson said, called for:

1. An increase in cargo plane output to at least twice the present program, through an increase in present procurement and through conversion of certain bombers to cargo type.
2. Further impetus to development of longer-range land and sea planes.
3. A "large increase" in facilities for the manufacture and transportation of aviation gasoline to meet the needs of a greatly expanded movement of cargo by air.

"If we now undertake to build a substantially larger number

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Alleged Conspirator Taken By U. S. Marshal In N. C.

ASHEVILLE, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Hudson DePriest of Wichita, Kansas, indicted in Washington July 23 with 27 others on charges of conspiracy to promote revolt in the Army and the Navy, was arrested in Charlotte this afternoon by U. S. Deputy marshals from Charlotte and Shelby, U. S. Marshal Charles P. Price announced here late today.

If DePriest does not make \$5,000 bond in Charlotte he will be returned to Asheville and sent immediately to Washington, the Marshal said.

DePriest is described as being a writer for Gerald Winrod of Wichita, also indicted, and as having conducted prize contests for Elmer J. Garner and James F. Arner of Wichita, also among the 28 indicted. Winrod is publisher of "The Defender" and the arners are publisher of "Publicity."

PELLEY PICTURED TRAITOR-PATRIOT

Opposing Counsels Argue Merits Of Sedition Trial Before Jury

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley was pictured as both "traitor" and "patriot" in opposing arguments before a Federal court jury retired late today to decide his fate on charges of criminal sedition.

Oscar R. Ewing of New York, special prosecutor, and B. Howard Caughran, U. S. district attorney for southern Indiana, called the 52-year-old founder of the Silver Shirts a "traitor" and defense attorney Oscar F. Smith said his client was a "patriot."

Ewing labeled Pelley "a man who serves poison against his government—sugar-coated with the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth."

Caughran, closing the government's case, and the final arguments, shook his finger at Pelley and said:

"You are a traitor to your country. You stabbed your country in the back while it was engaged with a foreign foe."

Caughran referred to a man convicted in the same courtroom a few years ago for killing an FBI agent after slaying his own mother and remarked to Pelley:

"But I don't believe that man had a blacker heart than you who were willing to murder the country that gave you birth and nurtured your ancestors for 200 years."

"The record shows plainly," the district attorney told the jury, "that Pelley wanted to be the quiling of America. He was willing to see the victim of a foreign nation in order to realize his dastardly ambitions."

"The Silver Shirts bristle through and through with militarism. . . it was the purpose of Pelley to raise a private army. . . as they

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Under Blackout, Tear Gas Attack, Mock War Moves Forward

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY CORPS ON CAROLINA MANEUVERS, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Although its engineers had to construct their main pontoon bridge under the twin handicaps of night gas attack and blackout restrictions, the Blue Army under Major Gen. Willis D. Crittberger made rapid progress today in its problem of crossing the muddy Pee Dee river.

In fact it appeared the decisive point in the current Carolina maneuver problem might be reached by mid-day tomorrow. Blue armored companies—tanks, armored cars, self-propelled 75's—were pouring over the pontoon bridge in a steady stream and going in to pound the Red's northern flank late today. The Red commander, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, was prevented from reinforcing these positions by the fact that Blue infantry was crossing the Pee Dee to keep his men engaged at several points on his south.

Erection of the heavy bridge, involving use of some of the Army's newer equipment, brought at least two generals and any number of colonels, including Lieut. Col. Frank C. Murphy, to the scene shortly after daybreak.

By then the engineers, who had been forced to wear gas masks against the biting tear gas most of the night, had all but completed their task. No sooner did the first tank venture onto the bridge, how-

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REDS ARE RESISTING

'Stubborn Battle' Fought With Invaders Suffering Heavy Losses

SOME ATTACKS HALTED

In Kletskaya Sector, Repeated Assaults Turned Back; 1,200 Killed

MOSCOW, Thursday, Aug. 6.—(AP)—A new German push south and west of Stalingrad by Nazi tank and infantry columns seeking to complete a pincer movement on the great steel city has brought fighting on the central front to Kotelnikovskii, 95 miles from Stalingrad, the Soviet high command announced today.

"Stubborn battles" were fought Wednesday at the town on the Stalingrad-North Caucasus railway and the Germans advanced slightly with heavy losses, the midnight communique said.

The Russians reported continued fighting in other sectors of the Stalingrad front and in the north Caucasus but without specific results.

South of Kuschchevka, 50 miles south of Rostov, the Germans suffered particularly heavy losses, the Russians said. One Soviet unit alone accounted for six tanks and killed 600 Germans.

In the Kletskaya sector, on the northern end of the German pincer before Stalingrad, repeated German attacks were repulsed and 1,200 Nazi troops were killed, the communique said.

In the area south of Belaya Glina

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47 MEN WANDER 32 DAYS AT SEA

Sub Which Sank Vessel Gives Wrong Information On Nearest Land

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Forty-seven men who wandered 32 days at sea, after the submarine which torpedoed their vessel gave them false information about the nearest land, finally reached an east coast port, the Navy disclosed yesterday.

They were survivors of the second United States ship whose loss was officially announced during the day. Added to the sinking of a British vessel, also announced, destruction of the ship raised the Associated Press tabulation of Atlantic losses since Dec. 7 to 414.

Fourteen men were missing and 95 saved from the two ships announced earlier. Six were missing and believed dead, of the crew of the second American ship, and two more died while the survivors suffered 32 days of hunger and thirst in a lifeboat.

The survivors said the submarine surfaced after the attack June 27, helped pick up survivors and gave the crew information about the closest land—information which proved false. However, Sec-

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TRAFFIC SIGNALS DELAY EXPLAINED

City Electrician Expects Lights To Be Operative Next Week

Operation of Wilmington's newly installed traffic lights, City Electrician David Sandlin said last night, will not begin before at least next week, despite arrival of the vital parts which were holding up use of the mechanisms.

Police Chief Charles H. Casteen declared, however, that he expected the signals to be put into operation this week. Work was first started about two months ago on the lights, which are at Second Street and Chestnut, Second and Grace, and at Chestnut, Second and Third and Chestnut streets.

Mr. Sandlin refused to describe the parts which have delayed final installation of the instruments, but it was understood the manufacturer was unable to deliver them before this week. "I don't want to advertise what they are," the electrician said.

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Duties: Smooth road surfaces, repave and fill holes, restore road markings.

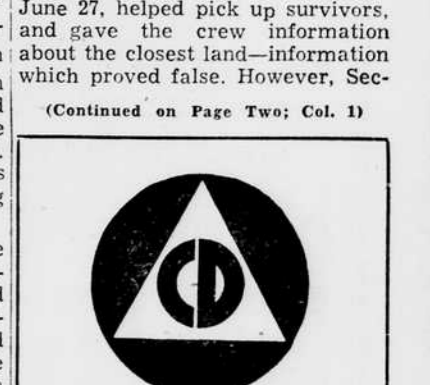
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