

FDR Urges Drafting Of 18-19 Year Olds In Address To U. S.

YOUTH NEEDED IN WAR President Declares Young Men In Army Would Shorten Struggle

MANPOWER RATIONING Calls For Workers To Stop Changing Jobs At Will During Crisis

Full text of President Roosevelt's speech will be found on page 10.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, asserting that Allied strength was "on the upgrade" and the enemy growing nervous, tonight urged the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds so that an army with the spirit and hardihood of youth may shorten the war with annihilating new offensives.

At the same time, the President called for the rationing of manpower. Workers must be kept from changing jobs at will, he said. Pirating of one employer's labor by another must be forbidden. The objective must be "the right numbers of people in the right places at the right time."

And he held out a possibility that legislation of a drastic nature may be necessary to keep the farmer supplied with hands to harvest the nation's food supplies. The American people, he added, will not "shrink" from such action, should it become necessary.

The President was delivering his second radio report to the nation in five weeks. It was generally speaking an optimistic report of what he found on his recent tour of defense plants, Army posts and naval stations. Already, he said, America is getting ahead of the enemy in the battles of transportation and production.

In addition there was another (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

WAR FINANCING PLANS DIVULGED Secretary Of Treasury To Pay For Conflict With Bond Issues

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau indicated today that he plans to finance the war, insofar as possible, with 8 to 10-year bonds, bearing 2 per cent interest, and that he believes the low interest rate can be maintained.

He pointed out that the rate, as compared to the 3-2 to 4-3-4 per cent paid on similar securities during the last war, represents potential savings of "many millions of dollars."

At his press conference today, Morgenthau announced that total subscriptions to last week's \$4,000,000 cash offerings of Treasury bonds and notes bearing 2 and 4-1/2 per cent, respectively, went a scant \$100,000 over the offer. But he said he was "delighted that the thing went over."

The taxpayers will be pleased, he said, adding that neither the Treasury nor the Federal Reserve System subscribed to any of the issue.

The secretary said that about 75 percent of the total came from (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

WEATHER FORECAST: Occasional rain today, continued rather cool.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:

Temperature: 7:30 a. m., 66; 7:30 a. m., 59; 1:30 p. m., 60; 7:30 p. m., 60; maximum: 64; minimum: 57; mean: 60; normal: 67.

Humidity: 7:30 a. m., 87; 7:30 a. m., 98; 1:30 p. m., 78; 7:30 p. m., 87.

TIDES FOR TODAY: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.69 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.59 inches.

Wilmington High 6:38a Low 6:38a

Masonboro Inlet High 7:22a Low 7:22a

Mozore's Inlet High 8:06a Low 8:06a

New Topsail Inlet High 8:50a Low 8:50a

Cap Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Monday at 8 a. m., 9.38 feet.

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A BOY GIVES LOG



Though Paul Conners, 10-year-old Dorchester, Mass., is smiling as he says goodbye to his pet Irish setter "Brownie," neither boy nor dog is very happy about it. For Paul was giving up "Brownie" to the army "because he'd help the soldiers do guard duty and they'd like him." Here they are parting, in an Army car at a Coast Artillery post on Savin Hill near Boston.

County Scrap Collection Nearing 3 Million Mark

Collections in the newspaper-sponsored scrap metal drive here neared the three million pound mark last night as the yesterday's haul of 1,317,870 pounds boosted the total in the 12-days drive to 2,769,771 pounds, salvage committee heads revealed.

The added tonnage, which set a record for a single day's collection, raises New Hanover's per capita rate to 57.4 pounds.

Sizeable contributions from several of the city's larger business concerns account for the biggest part of the collection.

Atlantic Coast Line railroad company announced the collection of 201,600 pounds since last Thursday; U. S. Army Engineers, reporting for the first time, turned in 300,000 pounds of scrap; while the Murchison Building contributed 2,500 pounds of copper and brass to the drive. From October 7-11 the North Carolina Shipbuilding company has collected 766,300 pounds, which was added to yesterday's total.

Eight Army trucks, answering phone call requests, picked up 30,940 pounds of scrap in the city while the Brigade Boys' club truck collected 9,735 pounds, W. A. Stewart, co-chairman of the salvage committee, announced.

Although no figures for the collection of the WPA truck working in the rural area of the county were available for yesterday, 6- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

Schoolboy Uses Truck And Bicycle To Raise 8,170 Pounds Of Scrap

Armed with only his bicycle, equipped with an ordinary carrier basket, Raymond Cordes, a student of the eighth grade at the Isaac Bear school, has collected singlehanded, 8,170 pounds of scrap metal here since the concentrated drive began October 1.

Raymond, who lives at 101 North 23rd street, has turned in four collections to the drive, weighing, respectively, 4,250 pounds, 1,220 pounds and 1,250 pounds.

All of the scrap with the exception of the first load was collected piecemeal in the basket of his bicycle.

The 4,250 pound haul was garnered from old and abandoned machinery located in Brunswick county. The lad borrowed a truck for the day to pick up the metal.

Italian Aliens GET NEW STATUS On October 19 Will No Longer Be Classed As Alien Enemies

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(AP)—U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced tonight that effective October 19 Italian aliens would no longer be classed as alien enemies, because, he said, "from that time on the expiration which they have so well earned will be granted them."

"This does not mean that dangerous or disloyal persons are no longer subject to apprehension or internment," the attorney general said in a Columbus Day address at Carnegie Hall. "We still will take no chances. It does mean that the regulations applying, up to now, to alien enemies, no longer apply to Italian aliens. They will be free to participate in the war effort without the handicaps that have hampered them up to now."

Biddle said that his office had investigated thoroughly all Italians in the nation in an "unprecedented exercise of wartime vigilance."

"We find that out of a total of 600,000 persons, there has been cause to intern only 228, or fewer than one-twentieth of one percent," he said.

Biddle said that he had recom- (Continued on Page Six; Col. 8)

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT ANEW IN STALINGRAD AFTER LULL; 3 AMERICAN CRUISERS LOST

SUNK IN THE SOLOMONS Cruisers Quincy, Vincennes And Astoria Destroyed By Japs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The loss of three heavy American cruisers in a fierce, night-time naval battle fought during the initial phase of the attack on the Solomon Islands was announced today by the Navy.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE Action Takes Place During Night Of August Ninth While Attack On

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AIRCRAFT ACTIVE IN EGYPT'S SKIES Growing Allied Might Playing Big Part In Battle; Axis Ships Are Hit

CAIRO, Oct. 2.—(AP)—Growing Allied air might, fed by a steady flow of equipment labeled U. S. A., was reported today playing an even-larger part in the Battle of Egypt, with destructive new blows at Axis shipping in which two freighters, a schooner and two enemy destroyers were hit in the Eastern Mediterranean.

United States heavy bombers scored the hits on two 8,000-ton freighters and left one of them apparently sinking yesterday off Crete where the Italians have been routing their supply shipping miles out of the way in an effort to keep within protection of Axis land-based planes.

This time the land-based planes did their little good. Two Messerschmitt 110's and a Junkers 88—one-third of the defense force which rose to guard the ships—were knocked from the air by the concentrated fire of the big bombers' guns.

After that, the crew of one of the bombers commented afterward, the rest of the Nazis kept their distance.

British bombers, meanwhile, caught two enemy destroyers by night in the Eastern Mediterranean. They reported scoring a di- (Continued on Page Six; Col. 7)

Churchill Says Allies Facing Somber Moment

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave Britain today an assessment of two months' Allied war effort which included the transport to these isles of the most numerous United States troops yet to arrive, and declared the United Nations had reached a "stern and somber moment" in which they must balance wisdom with daring.

That was his closest reference to the "second front" problem in a speech delivered in Edinburgh's Usher Hall. It recalled his careful statement to the House of Commons last week in which he said the war had entered a "significant" period.

Speaking from the same platform, U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant said "we must wait the soldier's answer" to what lies ahead.

The Prime Minister took special pains to taunt Adolf Hitler about the "dull, low, whining note of fear" apparent in the latest speeches of the German Fuehrer and his associates, and he said: "It is apparent to me that this bad man saw quite clearly the shadow of slowly and remorselessly approaching doom, and that he hailed at fortune for mocking him with the glitter of fleeting success."

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Camp Davis Soldier To Receive Coveted Award Of Heroism

Courage has brought its reward to Pvt. John Kullibaba, a soldier stationed at Camp Davis. This young soldier, a member of the 430th CA (AA) has just been notified that he is to receive the coveted Soldiers Medal for heroism displayed in rescuing two young Winston-Salem girls at Kure's beach last July 31.

The Sharon, Massachusetts boy, who was inducted into the army only last April, is credited with having plunged into the water with utter disregard for his own safety, and bringing to shore Miss Pauline Chrysiokos and Miss Juanita Chrysiokos, both of Winston-Salem.

The Soldier's Medal, granted only in cases of extreme heroism is to be forwarded to the command general, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C., for presentation to Kullibaba with ceremony. He will also be presented with an engraved certificate pertaining to the award.

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CHILE CONCERNED OVER RIOS PLANS Hope Expressed That Cancellation Of President's Visit To U. S. Okeh

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 12.—The Chilean press generally expressed hope today that the postponement of President Juan Antonio Rios' visit to the United States would not cause a misunderstanding between the two countries.

The president's trip was postponed last night as a result of a statement by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles in Boston last Thursday that two South American countries, presumably Chile and Argentina, were being used as bases for Nazi agents.

Rios, following a protest by his government, sent a message to President Roosevelt last night saying "the latest official information circulated in the United States about my country's international policy has created an unpleasant atmosphere."

The newspaper La Hora, organ of the radical party of which Rios is a member, said "an error of opinion should not cause a misunderstanding, nor give origin to bitterness and suspicions in the great American family."

El Mercurio, leading independent paper, said "the incident should not change the good relations which unite us and the United States." It added that "although President Rios has decided to postpone the visit, it was with the purpose of looking to the moment when there is not the slightest shadow which might obstruct (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

CARTRIDGE PLANT CLOSED BY STRIKE

Vast Munitions Company, Holder Of War Contracts, Stops Work

ALTON, Ill., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The huge East Alton plant of the Western Cartridge Co., which holds vast war munitions contracts, remained shut down tonight as a conference of union leaders and War Labor Board conciliators failed to bring about settlement of an unauthorized strike of AFL molders' and foundry workers.

After six hours behind closed doors with union officials R. W. Haughton, WLB mediation officer from Washington, were continuing and that he would make no comment on the progress of negotiations until they were concluded.

The walkout began Saturday when AFL workers employed in the brass mill and casting shop began picketing plant entrances because of the company's alleged re- (Continued on Page Six; Col. 6)

NOTICE!

If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

Columbus' Trip Likened To Nation's War Effort

(By the Associated Press) ... changes closed in observance of the day.

The President in his statement said Columbus "found a great expanse where new beginnings could be made," and that in the wake of "this courageous and unprecedented voyage there came to the Americas the seeking people of many countries — people who sought liberty, democracy, religious tolerance, the fuller life."

"This was the American experiment," the President said. "A bold experiment and successful. Our (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

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TRUTH PROMISED PEOPLE OF U. S.

OWI Director Tells News-men That Country Needs Facts About The War

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The people of the United States will know the truth about the war, Elmer Davis promised today, because the truth will help them win it.

The director of the Office of War Information, addressing the National Editorial Association's advisory council, said his office recognized that the more thoroughly Americans understood the war—its origins, its issues and its possible consequences—the harder they would strive for victory.

"As Rex Stout has said, the truth is our secret weapon," Davis declared. "Hitler and the Japs haven't got it. We ought to use it more effectively than we have used it so far."

Regarding what he said was the newspapers' responsibility to help develop "an informed and intelligent understanding" of the war, Davis added:

"The job is not so easy as it may look; for it cannot be performed by merely printing all the news that comes along—by covering the war just as you would cover a fire on Main Street."

In the main, Davis said, newspapers have made the war news comprehensible, and "such failures as have occurred have in most instances been traceable either to over-enthusiasm or to the persistence of routine habits—such as the tradition that anything that the home town boys are mixed up in is more important than what is done by total strangers."

"There is a sound basis for that, but it can be overdone. A few weeks ago, for instance, there was the raid on Dieppe—deliberately planned as a quick, small, hit-and-run operation, where the forces engaged were not supposed to go far or stay long. 'A few dozen Americans took part in that oper-

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