

JAPAN BOMBS AMERICAN BOAT

Washington, July 30.—President Roosevelt summoned chiefs of the Army and Navy to the White House tonight soon after Japanese Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye moved to put Japan on a "total war" footing.

It was conjectured whether the conference—with General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations—was related even remotely to the Tokyo development. It followed by only a few hours sharp United States representations to Japan over the bombing of the United States gunboat Tutuila at Chungking, China.

Marshall and Stark spent an hour with the President. Neither would comment afterward.

Neither the White House nor the State Department commented immediately on the Konoye maneuver, which the premier said was intended to make Japan self-sufficient and enable it to establish a new structure of total war.

Before meeting with Marshall and Stark, Mr. Roosevelt conferred with his fiscal advisers, leading to the belief that there may be an early intensification of retaliatory Anglo-American economic pressure against the island empire.

There was no official statement, however.

Mr. Roosevelt conferred in rapid succession with Undersecretary of the Treasury Daniel W. Bell, Budget Director Harold Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury John L. Sullivan and Treasury General Counsel Edward Foley.

Financial Groups
Exclusive of Smith, these men primarily are responsible for enforcement of the President's order freezing all Japanese assets in the United States and its possessions.

The series of parleys coincide with announcement in London that Britain is imposing harsh sanctions upon Japanese shipping and a warning by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden that Japan should reconsider her foreign policy "while there is yet time."

Meanwhile, angry Congressmen denounced the Tutuila bombing as "deliberate provocation" which warrants swift retaliation.

Obviously incensed himself, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles summoned Japanese Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura to the State Department and lodged the representations, which were described as just short of a protest. Welles had conferred earlier with Mr. Roosevelt.

In Congress there was a chorus of demands that the United States forcefully express its displeasure.

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., branded the bombing "an act of hostility," clearly demonstrating that "Japan is for the time being a front for Hitler in his aggressive moves against the United States."

"There is no question," he added, "that the act was deliberate—a very serious act of provocation. Our government can not permit such things to pass unnoticed."

Representative Luther A. Johnson, D. Tex., ranking majority member of the House foreign affairs committee, declared "these fellows have gone far enough," while Representative John M. Coffey, D. Wash., called for an immediate embargo on all United States materials destined for Japan.

Coffey did not think the incident calls for military reprisals, but that it does demand "an end to the administration's policy of appeasing Japan."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. D. G. Pearce announces the marriage of her daughter, Christine, to Mr. Charles Grant Duvall, July 25th, 1941, at Sykesville, Maryland.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This will be the 8th Sunday after Trinity. All services will be held by Daylight Saving Time. There will be no early service. Church School will be held at 9:45 A. M. The Service of Holy Communion and Sermon will be held at 11:00 A. M.

COTTON UNDERNEATH

A person visiting Louisburg the past week told of passing through a western county the past week following the recent wet spell and said he saw plenty grass. In fact on one reasonably high hill he noticed a big sign painted in red reading "Keep off the grass, there is Cotton underneath."

Capt. Chas. P. Green and Mrs. Green, of Fort Jackson, are spending the week at home.

TAX RATE \$1.07

THE SAME AS
1940 - 1941

County Agencies Authorized To Adopt Daylight Saving Time; Donates \$450 To The Franklin County Library Association; Declines To Omit Penalties On Delinquent Taxes To Mrs. Smith

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Monday with all members present. Business as follows was transacted:

A proper motion was made and passed authorizing all County Agencies to operate on the Daylight saving time.

A delegation was before the Board with reference to the Public Library. An appropriation of \$450 was made.

Mrs. Smith, of Bertie County, was before the Board with reference to taking penalties of delinquent Tax suit. The Board considered it had no right to take off these penalties as they were set by the State Legislature.

A proper resolution was passed approving the budget for 1941-42, and placed the tax rate for 1941 at \$1.07.

The County tax rate in its itemized form is as follows:

County	Rate
General Purpose	.15
Poor	.11
Court	.05
Debt Service	.37
Health	.03
Schools	
Current Expense	.09
Capital Outlay	.08
Debt Service	.19
Total County Rate	\$1.07

Township Roads Debt Service

Dunn	.20
Harris	.55
Youngsville	.23
Franklinton	.23
Hayesville	.67
Sandy Creek	.43
Gold Mine	.75
Cedar Rock	.20
Cypress Creek	.53
Louisburg	.21

The above represents a tax rate for this year the same as that for last year. Even though the expense of government like that of the individual, is increasing the Commissioners were satisfied they could take care of the County's obligations with a levy equal to that of 1940-41.

This completing the work of the special meeting adjournment was taken.

JAP LINER STAYS OUT

San Francisco.—The luxurious Japanese liner Tatuta Maru, with nearly 100 American passengers and a \$2,500,000 cargo of raw silk, continued her cautious cruise of the Pacific today, apparently loath to risk the United States' assurances of prompt clearance should she come into port.

The Tatuta and 44 other Japanese ships en route to United States ports when President Roosevelt ordered Japanese assets frozen last week, are still maintaining complete radio silence. Officials of the NYK Line, her operators, said they did not know exactly where the Tatuta Maru was.

Assurance Given
Assurance that Japanese ships would be given prompt clearance from American ports, under present conditions, was given Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador, at a conference with Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday. It was not made clear, however, whether the ships would be permitted to refuel in American ports.

Advised of Welles' statement, NYK officials expressed belief the Tatuta would dock at San Francisco today. The home office, however, remained cautious and inquired whether the United States would impound the silk. Paul R. Leake, collector of customs, said he was advised by Treasury officials the ship could come in without restrictions.

Recruits

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Service will have recruiting officers to visit the following towns on the days named for the purpose of receiving enlistments. If you are interested in enlisting in the Naval service of the U. S., visit one of these points and get the information you wish:

- Durham, August 4, 5 and 6th.
- Henderson, August 1st and 2th.
- Roanoke Rapids, August 2nd.

ALUMINUM

In the nation-wide drive for Aluminum-For-Defense, Franklin County wants to do its part. If YOU have any useless articles of ALUMINUM communicate with any Boy Scout or Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Demonstration Agent.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

HEAVY STORM

Rainfall Reaches Two and One-half Inches in Little Over An Hour

Possibly the heaviest rain and electrical storm that has visited Louisburg in many years visited here Tuesday afternoon between 7 and 9 o'clock. During a little over an hour of this time two and a half inches of rain fell, according to the recording instruments of Weatherman R. A. Bobbitt.

Lightning was severe, continuous and exciting. A strong wind accompanied the rain, and as a result, electric wires and telephone wires were damaged, fuses blown and service cut off for almost an hour. Many country lines served by the high powered companies, were out for two to three hours.

Lightning struck one house in town, that occupied by Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, Welfare Officer, located on Spring Street, doing slight damage to the building. Luckily no one was injured.

It seemed that three or four clouds from different directions centered on this spot and as fast as one would pass another would pass in review.

The storm sewers were unable to handle the rush of water and many buildings were listed among those that leaked.

Soon after the storm everything returned to normal. Lights returned and repairs to lines and telephones were pushed to early usage.

Act To Boost Farm Prices

Washington.—In a move intended to boost farm prices, the Senate today tentatively approved legislation which would "freeze" stocks of wheat and cotton, now held under Government loan, for the duration of the European war.

Discussion of the legislation disclosed that surplus cotton and wheat stocks may be sold or given to England under the Lend-Lease liquidation.

Inclusion of wheat in the measure came after Senator Langer, Republican, North Dakota, demanded that wheat farmers be given the same treatment as cotton farmers.

BUDDY BEAM AND JOE BARROW PLAY FOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The youngest players in the Championship Flight, Buddy Beam and Joe Barrow, will play each other for the 1941 Golf Championship of the Green Hill Country Club. These young players have by good playing, eliminated all opponents thus far played.

Joe Barrow was successful in defeating such good players as Pat Parnell, Bill Huggins and "Snooks" Collier. Buddy Beam defeated William Barrow, Sr., Ed Owens and William Barrow, Jr. Their match will be played next Sunday.

Probably the most exciting match of this tournament was played last Wednesday—morning between Buddy and William, Jr. These brilliant young golfers, who have demonstrated splendid sportsmanship throughout the entire season, continued their brilliant play last Wednesday. Both Hans played last Wednesday. They showed that they could play their best when under pressure. William, Jr. was 4-down at the turn, but this did not phase him; he promptly took the next two holes and cut Buddy's lead to 2. Buddy came right back with a birdie. The next hole was William's but on the 14th hole Buddy made another birdie and was again 3-up. William came right back on the 16th hole and cut the lead to 2. On the 17th hole it appeared that the match would be over as Buddy's put went in the cup (which would have been a birdie and end of the

LIBRARY GETS DONATIONS

TO MATCH STATE FUNDS

Officers of Association Appreciative; To Raise \$150 More; To Broaden And Continue Work

Mrs. M. S. Clifton, President, Mrs. George Cobb, Secretary and Treasurer, and other officers of the Franklin County Library Association, were especially appreciative of the actions of the County and Town Commissioners in Franklin County the past week, by whose generous donations makes it possible for the association to meet the State funds and carry on the great work now being done by the public libraries in Franklin County. The Board of County Commissioners on Monday made a donation of \$450, to be added to the \$200 donated by Louisburg, the \$100 donated by Franklinton, the \$50 donated by Youngsville and the \$25 donated by Bunn. These donations total \$825.00. The Association undertook the responsibility to raise \$150 from other sources to bring the total up to \$975 to match a like amount from the State funds giving it a working total of \$1,900.00.

Attention was called to the fact that Louisburg is entitled to the credit for the donation of a library room, equipped with light, water and heat, in addition to its cash donation.

With these funds the officers say the work will be carried on and to a certain extent broadened and enlarged.

Arctic Clash

Berlin, July 30.—British torpedo-planes, launched from an aircraft carrier off the Russian Arctic coast, today joined the Soviet air force in a battle against the German air force and naval guns, which shot down 28 of the British planes, according to informed German quarters.

Britain's first reported support of her new ally "failed completely," these quarters said, when the torpedo-carrying planes were turned back from an attack on the Nazi-held Norwegian harbor of Kirkenes.

Kirkenes is at the northern point of Norway, slightly west of Petsamo and about 40 miles from the Russian frontier. It lies about 90 miles west of Russia's Arctic port of Murmansk, which is under attack by German and Finnish forces.

The British planes were said to have attacked "in waves" supported by a number of Russian fighter planes, which appeared simultaneously.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"His Hand To The Plow" is the subject for the 11:00 o'clock service at the Louisburg Methodist Church Sunday morning. Church School at 9:45, led by Prof. I. D. Moon.

Vesper Service on the College campus at 7:00 p. m.

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HARRY HOPKINS IN MOSCOW

United Service Organization Drive

Chairman W. L. Lumpkin has requested the FRANKLIN TIMES to call upon the public for donations in the United Service Organization drive, which will come to a close next week.

All of the funds donated to this cause will be used exclusively in this state for improvement of recreational facilities for our soldiers and sailors, while on leave. This program was launched by President Roosevelt several weeks ago and is nation wide.

Franklin County's quota is \$250.00. Franklin County has over five hundred men in the armed service of our country at present and it is up to us to back them up in every manner possible.

Let's show our appreciation of the service of our boys by putting this drive across for them. Mail or bring your donations to W. L. Lumpkin, Chairman, Louisburg, N. C.

The TIMES is delighted to cooperate in this program and feels confident that the drive will be successful.

Louisburg Vets Install New Officers

Charlie R. Young, of Louisburg, was installed as Commander of the American Legion in special installation ceremonies at the Armory here Monday night. Young succeeds Claude C. Collins as Commander. Other new officers installed by the local Legion post for 1941-42 were:

First Vice-Commander, Ernest P. Thomas; second Vice-Commander, A. Wilson Macon; Adjutant and Finance Officer, W. Hayward White; Service Officer, Weldon D. Egerton; Guardianship Officer, James E. Malone, Jr.; Historian, William W. Neal; Chaplain, Harry T. Rogers.

After the installation of officers the local Legionnaires voted to cooperate in the fullest with Fiorello LaGuardia's Civilian Defense Program and chose especially Civilian Aircraft Warning and First Aid. However, the meeting voted to cooperate in any way with Civilian Defense and placed themselves at the disposal of defense authorities.

The members of the post also want to thank the former Adjutant Tracy K. Stockard for the very efficient way he has attended to the matters of this post for the past several years.

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The Lend-Lease Administrator talked with Stalin as President Roosevelt's personal representative a short time after arriving in Moscow by plane. There was no immediate announcement on the outcome of the conference on purchase and delivery of American war materials. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet foreign commissar, and United States Ambassador Laurance A. Stenhardt were present.

(Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles said in Washington that Lend-Lease aid was not contemplated in Russian war orders now being placed in Washington.)

Hopkins' visit came as Moscow read the most heartening military news in days. The Communist newspapers Pravda said Soviet troops beat repeatedly at the invaders in a series of far-spread attacks, turning some Nazi thrusts into slow and bloody retreat after checking drives on Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad.

Typical Attack
Pravda listed as typical an attack by a Red army unit which waded chin-deep through a swamp and charged a German battalion with bayonets. The Germans were said to have been routed.

Although it did not comment directly on Hopkins' arrival, a Pravda article by Alexei Tolstoy, well known Soviet author, said Germany would be "helpless to halt the unwinding springs of American war industry."

He added that British determination to continue the Western fight, growing Red military strength and American production would thwart Hitler's Russian plans. The German Fuehrer, he said, had counted on an English desire for peace and unwillingness of the United States to become involved in Europe to aid the blitzkrieg drive.

Tokyo, July 30.—Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye declared Japan's resolve today "to proceed on a historic renovation of its policies from an entirely new standpoint," and said the execution of this fateful program must be swift and determined.

These policies—of which he spoke while Japanese convoys continued to land troops for occupation of bases in southern French Indo-China—were not described, but he connected them with a warning that Japan "must always be prepared to meet the worst."

He said, too, again without elaboration, that the German-Russian war "is bringing serious effects on Japan."

(This reference to the Nazi invasion was heard with the greatest interest in view of the expressed conviction of informed Chinese quarters in Peiping that Japan is making ready for an assault on Soviet Siberia if and when the Red armies of the west are smashed by the Germans.)

The premier spoke before the general mobilization inquiry commission.

During the day, the British ambassador, Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, conferred for an hour and a half with Vice-Admiral Teihiro Toyoda, the Japanese foreign minister, but the subject of their long talk was not disclosed.

The Japanese press went on denouncing the United States and Britain, calling them the masters of the Dutch East Indies and blaming what they called American meddling for the suspension by the islands of the oil shipment agreement with Japan.

As to the possibility of a full oil embargo by the United States, which already has frozen Japanese assets in that country, newspaper discussion was to the effect that Japan had in reserve enough oil for several years.

But on heavy industry, the newspaper Nichi Nichi acknowledged that such an embargo might have an adverse effect.

WPA HELPING IN FIGHT AGAINST MOSQUITOES

Raleigh, July 30.—The WPA is helping the army in a big battle against mosquitoes. The pests have been bothering troops around Camp Davis, Fort Bragg, the Marine Air Base and at posts along the beaches. The WPA sent 100 men out on anti-mosquito duty.

Rains and drought have combined to make this year of hard luck for Polk County farmers, reports J. A. Wilson, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.