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Laborites Denounce Eden Plan

Foreign Secretary Is Attacked In the Parliament

Favors Fascists

Charge That Mediterranean Would Be Turned Into An Italian Lake

London, July 15.—(U.P.)—Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, was charged tonight with "surrounding the Eden plan" in the House of Commons over his "last chance" plan to salvage the Spanish non-intervention project.

Major Clement Attlee, leader of the laborite opposition whose sympathies are with the Spanish loyalists, attacked Eden because of the latter's proposal to grant Belgium rights to both factions in Spain.

The foreign secretary's proposals are unjust, ill-conceived and unworkable, Attlee shouted.

The British government always has been tender toward any regime concerning Gen. Francisco Franco and the insurgents.

The galleries of the house were packed for the debate on the British stop-gap plan which will be offered tomorrow to delegates of 18 other neutral nations comprising the international non-intervention committee.

It was only by a protest in this house, Attlee said, that the British government was prevented from backing Bibao (loyalist support) for Franco.

There were loud cheers from the

Rebel Attack Is Turned Into A New Defeat

Loyalists Halt Drive and Take Ground In Bold Counter-Attack

Madrid, July 15.—(U.P.)—Loyalist forces drove thousands of Nationalist troops from government positions west of Madrid today after the insurgents attacked in an attempt to capture huge government supplies of war mater-

The rebels sent out a squadron of planes which bombed government positions near Villanueva del Pardillo and Brunete while their infantry advanced to the front lines under cover of the bombardment.

There hand-to-hand fighting took place in which both sides suffered considerable losses. Reinforcements arrived for the Loyalists, and the insurgents withdrew.

The Loyalists then laid down a heavy artillery barrage and the rebels became bogged down in mud.

The government forces then advanced to new positions which they fortified quickly.

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Engineer Reports On Two Road Projects

Grading on the Camden-Currituck road cut is approximately 70 per cent complete and should be completed by fall, according to E. P. Koonce, State highway engineer with headquarters here.

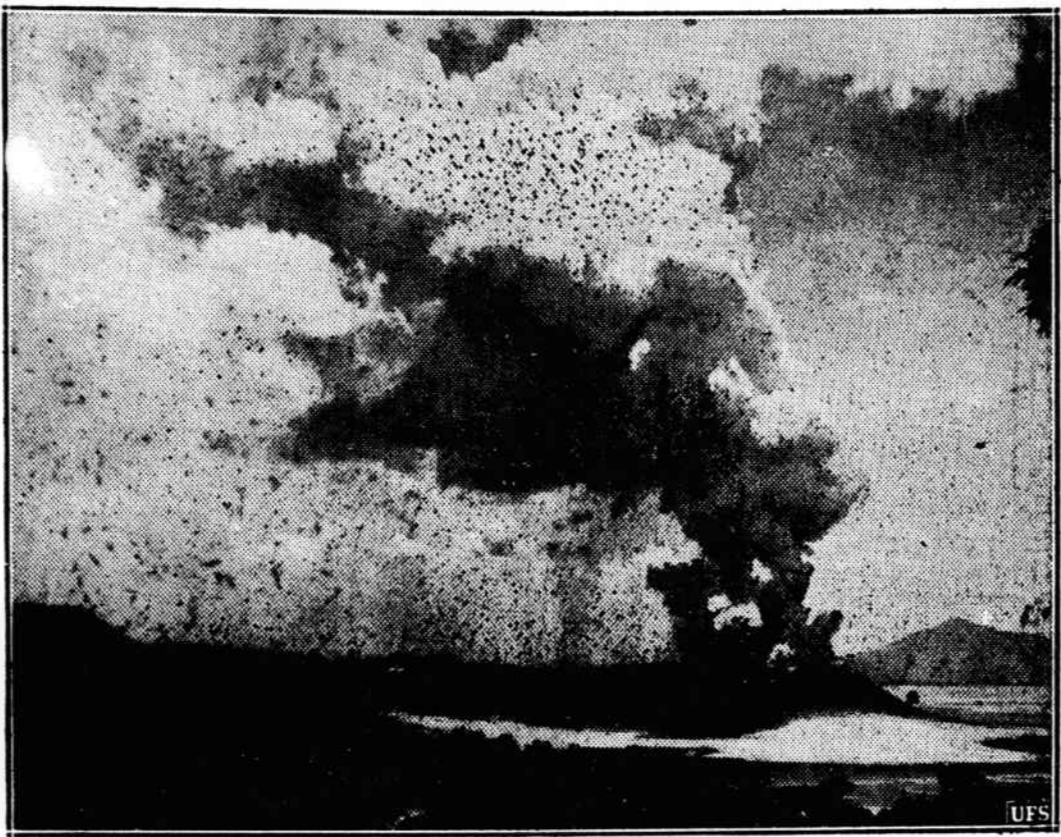
The grading through Great Swamp has been completed and the grading crew is now at work on the Great Swamp. Mr. Koonce said, however, another crew is working on the Currituck end toward the Great Swamp.

The fill will be allowed to settle before starting, and paving will not be started before next summer.

The work on the Knotts Island road is now about completed and the contractors will probably begin laying asphalt on the road in about 10 more days.

The road, which is about five miles long, should be completed by October.

South Seas Volcano In Eruption



SPREADING destruction and death to hundreds a molten lava flowed down its sides, here is one of the two volcanoes in eruption near Rabaul, Island of New Britain, northeast of Australia. Most of the population of Rabaul fled, out it was believed 250 were trapped. The American freighter Golden Bear rescued about 750. Note how the top of the mountain has been blown off, while the air is filled with ash, mud and white-hot rocks.

Burned Home In Attempt To Kill Girls, Charged

Pennsylvanian Had Daughters' Lives Heavily Insured

Landowne, Pa., July 15.—(U.P.)—Tall, portly Albert R. Knight, 55-year-old former oil company executive, was arrested today on charges that he attempted to murder three of his daughters by setting fire to his suburban home in order to collect \$120,000 insurance on their lives.

Assistant district attorney William R. Toal of Delaware county said that Knight had taken out a series of insurance policies totalling \$60,000, and providing double indemnity in case of accidental death, over a period of six months prior to the fire on May 28.

Knight had some 26 applications for policies totalling \$130,000, or double indemnity of \$260,000. Toal asserted, but only 12 policies were granted. He had made himself beneficiary of the policies, the assistant district attorney said, but had changed them just prior to the fire, making

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Sheds Light On Origin Of Name 'Roanoke'

Picnic Dinner Is Feature Of Day

Dare County Day a Gala Occasion; Willis Smith Speaks

Man'co, July 15.—Willis Smith, prominent Raleigh attorney and former speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, delivered the principal address of the Dare County Day celebration at Fort Raleigh today before a good-size crowd.

Mr. Smith talked much of the history of Dare county, of its development and in the past years, and of its influence in the development of the new world. His speech received a large ovation.

John W. Darden, of Plymouth, representative for the Southern Albemarle Association, made a short address, in which he discussed the advantages of the uniting of the counties in the Southern

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TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

A. M. 3:30 Mens Christian Federation 10:00 Chamber of Commerce meets P. M. 3:00 I. O. O. F.; B. P. O. E.; Daughters of America. Library Hours: 2-6, 7-9

Gas Explosion Takes Toll Of Twenty Miners

Sullivan, Ind., July 15.—(U.P.)—Rescue workers tonight brought up from a flame-seared corridor 225 feet below the surface of the Baker soft coal mine the bodies of 20 men who perished in a gas explosion a mile and a half from the entrance.

Sixteen ambulances carried the bodies, many burned beyond recognition, into Sullivan where Coroner Cecil Taylor said he would delay plans for an inquest until all had been identified.

Many of the hundreds of men, women and children clustered about the mine entrance hid their faces in their hands as the mine elevator creaked up the shaft with the dead.

Twenty times it made the trip as men equipped with gas mask and flashlights returned along the gas-filled corridors with bodies of the victims.

One at a time—in intervals of 35 or 40 seconds—the burly-covered bodies were brought to the

surface. They were on stretchers held at each corner by a grimy, stoop-shouldered fellow worker.

The crowd, pushing close to the mine entrance, was silent for the most part, only a woman's sob and the creaking of the little elevator occasionally breaking the quiet.

Stoical miners watched their

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Only 19 C. G. Stations Left

Five More Go Out of Commission; Centralization Program

The flags were hauled down for the last time at sunset yesterday at five Seventh District Coast Guard stations which today go out of commission, completing the centralization program launched by Commandant R. R. Waesche in March.

The five stations which go on the decommissioned list today are:

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May Complete New Road Within Sixty Days

Now Topsoiling the South Mills-Moyock Short Cut

The Moyock-South Mills short cut, which is being built by the WPA with the assistance of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, will be completed by early fall, according to T. Purdie Richardson, district WPA engineer.

The fill across the Dismal Swamp is completed, and about all that remains to be done is to finish topsoiling the road. This part of the work has been started and should be completed in about 60 days, Mr. Richardson said yesterday.

This road, which follows the route of the Old Swamp Road, runs thru Pierceville and Tar Corner and across the Dismal Swamp. The total distance is a little over 10 miles. The shortest highway route between Moyock and South Mills at present is 37 miles in length, passing thru Elizabeth City.

The short cut is costing \$20,945 of which the WPA is furnishing \$14,891 and the State highway department is putting up \$6,054.

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President Renews Demand For Enactment Court Bill

Japan Orders Reservists Ready For Call To Arms

Situation In China Is Now State of Undeclared War

Tokyo, Friday, July 16.—(U.P.)—Japan was placed on a war basis tonight after military leaders under the supreme authority of Emperor Hirohito, ordered 3,000,000 army reservists to be ready for a call to duty.

It was reported 15,000 troops of the 12th division had been dispatched to Dairen, after the emperor sanctioned the order and approved all steps taken by the government.

A conference of prefectural governors, meeting in emergency session, was given detailed instructions under which the resources of the empire may be placed at the disposal of the armed forces.

Japan was determined to force China to her knees, as she did in 1932, and effect a settlement of the current North China controversy, which has reached a state of undeclared war, that will be satisfactory to the "national welfare and dignity" of Nippon.

Announcement of the dispatch of Japanese troops from the homeland increased the gravity of the situation in the public eye. Army orders were accompanied by firm instructions to military commanders now in North China.

While Nanking sought to apply diplomatic pressure at Tokyo and at other world capitals, it was reported in Domei News agency dis-

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DAR Program Ft. Raleigh July 24

Dixon Speaker; Mrs. Meekins Announces Schedule for the Day

The program for D. A. R. Day at Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island, July 24, provides a morning session in the amphitheatre at the fort site, which will include a musical program, greetings from the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution by Mrs. William A. Becker, president general, and the feature address by Thomas Dixon, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. I. M. Meekins, regent of Betsy Dowdy chapter of Elizabeth City.

The afternoon will be devoted to sightseeing and at 5 o'clock the Elizabeth City chapter will be host to the visitors at a tea at the Nags Head hotel, prior to viewing the pageant at night.

Mrs. Meekins' announcement follows:

On July 24th, at Fort Raleigh, Manteo, North Carolina, the Daughter of the American Revolution will help celebrate "The Nation's Birth at the Birthplace of the Nation."

We urge all D. A. R. and their

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July Temperature Runs 2 Degrees Above Par

Those who thought yesterday was the hottest day Elizabeth City has experienced this summer must have been deceived by the humidity, for there have been five days in the past week hotter than yesterday.

The highest temperature recorded here yesterday was 95 degrees, and the lowest was 71 degrees, making the average for the day 83 degrees. July 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were all hotter, according to the official weather records.

The average temperature for the first half of July, from this 1st thru the 15th, was 80.6 degrees, or nearly two degrees above the normal July temperature of 78.8 degrees.

Hottest day of the month and the year, to date, was Tuesday, July 13, when the official high was 98 degrees and the average 85.5 degrees.

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Famous Newspaper Woman Experiences One Of Life's Thrills On Roanoke Island

"It was one of life's high moments," enthused Mildred Seydell, famed newspaper columnist, author and lecturer, who was registered at the Virginia Dare Hotel yesterday after a visit to Roanoke Island where she witnessed the presentation of Paul Green's drama, "The Lost Colony."

Mrs. Seydell, perhaps the most widely traveled newspaper woman in America, who has been most every place on earth and knows most of the world's celebrities, said: "And to think I have roamed the earth in quest of beauty and grandeur that I have found right at our very doors."

"Sitting there under the stars last night when the organ played and the voices of the singers rang out in the night, and the deep rich voice of the preacher was heard, my soul awoke anew to the richness and beauty of a civilized religion. And then the spotlights faded only to blaze again on a scene where the audience was taken back 350 years to the time of the Indian and his savage dances of worship. I could feel the very emotions our ancestors must have felt in seeing the strange demonstrations. To know that the very land under my feet had been the ground of which my country was born inspired me, thrilled me."

"My advice to Americans is to make every possible effort to see this marvelous pageant, written by Paul Green, and to go early enough to stop by the Wright

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Mayor Would Break Up Rackets

He Suggests Asking That Those Soliciting Funds Show Permit

A suggestion whereby professional begging might be broken up in Elizabeth City was advanced yesterday by Mayor Jerome B. Flora.

"It will be easy enough to do," said His Honor, "if the people of the town will cooperate with me."

"Any person desiring to solicit money in local homes, stores or offices, or on the streets, will have to apply to me for a permit. I will investigate, and if my investigation shows that the case is deserving, I will issue a permit. Otherwise, I will refuse a permit to the applicant."

"Then, if the people of Elizabeth City will ask every individual who asks them for money to show a permit from the mayor's office, they can quickly ascertain what cases are bona fide and what ones are rackets."

"If the people of Elizabeth City will cooperate to this extent, we can break up a lot of this petty racketeering which costs our people untold sums of money."

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Frank Wallace Picks His Favorite Movie Actress

New York, July 15.—(U.P.)—Peeping out from a cluster of lawyers and theatrical booking agents, Frank Wallace—the "past" in Mae West's life—arrived in New York today to get a fresh start in his vaudeville career.

"Do you want any of Mae West's money?" was the first question newspaper men fired at the man who married the come-up-and-see-me-sometime girl in 1911.

Right away it developed that this was going to be a slow, laborious interview, for Wallace refused to say anything until he consulted his lawyers—Samuel J. Siegel and John J. McNaboe. Buzz-buzz-buzz, they whispered and then Wallace replied:

"I'd rather earn my own money."

"Very good, Frank, I couldn't have done better myself," said Attorney Siegel, beaming.

"If Miss West starts divorce proceedings, will you contest them?" was the next question.

"Don't answer that," Attorney Siegel shouted.

"When was the last time you saw Miss West?" was the next question.

"That's hard to say," yelled Attorney Siegel, taking the words out of his client's mouth, as it were. "It was a long time ago."

"It was a long time ago," Wallace replied.

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Presses for Action In Letter to Senator Barkley

Same Objectives

Deplores Controversy So Soon After Death of Senator Robinson

Washington, July 15.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight renewed his demand for passage of a supreme court reorganization bill at this session and strongly criticized opponents he designated as "taking advantage" of the death of Senate Majority Leader Joe T. Robinson to sidetrack or defeat the measure.

The president made public a letter to acting majority leader, Alben W. Barkley, D. Ky., expressing his views "lest there be any misunderstanding in regard to judicial reform."

Refutes Report

The announcement came at the close of a day in which the report spread that he was willing to let congress decide whether the bill, which has split the Democratic party into two bitterly opposed factions, should be shelved for this session.

By singling out Barkley as the recipient of his letter he was believed to have strengthened the Kentucky senator's chances of succeeding to the majority leadership. Sens. Pat Harrison, D. Miss., and James F. Byrnes, D. S. C., are other possible candidates.

The president made what was regarded as an offer of further compromise by stating:

"At no time have I ever insisted that the method or methods originally proposed be sacred or

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Death Sentence To Scottsboro Defendant; 3rd

Will Again Appeal Sentence of Norris; Twice Before Found Guilty

Decatur, Ala., July 15.—(U.P.)—Clarence Norris, one of the nine "Scottsboro boys," was sentenced to death for the third time today and attorneys who twice have fought the celebrated case to the U. S. Supreme court announced they would appeal the new conviction.

Norris, young Negro who has lived for six years in the shadow of the electric chair, heard the verdict calmly. Twelve white men found him guilty.

Deliberating for less than four hours, the jury convicted him of a criminal attack on Mrs. Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, white women.

Shortly after the verdict was read Samuel Leibowitz, New York defense attorney, announced the fight for the Negroes would continue.

"You can say that I am going to appeal this conviction to hell and back," Leibowitz snapped.

Judge W. W. Callahan announced he would defer formal sentencing of Norris until next week.

The young Negro sat stolidly in

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Ehringhaus, Jr. and Capt. Tate On Committee

Raleigh, July 15.—(U.P.)—The state board of conservation and development today named seven North Carolinians to the aeronautics committee authorized at the recent Morehead City meeting.

Elmer Meyers, manager of the Raleigh airport, was named chairman of the group, which will study regulation and development of aeronautics in North Carolina.

Other members were: T. R. Ash, Fayetteville; F. M. Boldridge, Charlotte; O. S. McGinnis, Winston-Salem; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., Raleigh; W. C. Tate, Coinjock; and J. R. MacLaughlin, Statesville.

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