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## Laughing Now—They're Home



These happy children are some of the 382 youngsters who arrived in New York on the liner Washington as it completed its second and final round trip to the British Isles to evacuate Americans. Aboard were 1,100 passengers, of whom only 300 were not Americans. Only Americans now in Britain are those who feel it imperative to remain to protect their interests in the face of the expected Nazi invasion.

## British Stop Plan To Move Children

**Navy Finds It Impossible to Provide Necessary Escort Vessels to Exacuate Children from England to United States.**

London, July 16.—(AP)—Official announcement that the government had postponed its plan to transfer British child refugees to the United States was made in the house of commons today and precipitated opposition in labor circles on the ground that children of wealthy parents had been removed from danger while those of poor people were left in England.

Mr. Laborite declared he was convinced that the whole plan had been merely a "camouflage" to get the children of wealthy parents out of the country ahead of the threatened German blitzkrieg.

The announcement, authoritatively made by Clement R. Attlee, Prime Minister Churchill's lieutenant in the house of commons, was a continuation of the children under the evacuation scheme continues, however, and 20,000 have applied to go to Canada and 20,000 to the United States.

Mr. Attlee said private transfers of children would not be stopped but that the mass evacuation must be suspended until the government was able to provide the necessary escort vessels for the Atlantic crossing, but the government hoped to resume the plan at a later date.

U. S. Suggests Protectorate

Washington, July 16.—(AP)—In a dispatch today the United States suggested to other nations on their attitude toward the establishment of a protectorate over European possessions in the western hemisphere.

The suggestion, which was part of a conference on several questions, was made before the inter-American conference opening at Havana Saturday.

U. S. department officials said they had no knowledge of a formal proposal to the Chilean government to establish a protectorate, but it was noted that Ambassador Caffery may have presented such a suggestion on the subject.

Mr. Hull, when questioned by the press, said the United States was not making any suggestions, and that the conference was a conference of subjects, as it were, before a conference.

The one opening Saturday at Havana.

## Above Average Crops Forecast For This Year

Raleigh, July 16.—(AP)—Better than average yields from most North Carolina crops were indicated by July 1 conditions, the state-federal crop reporting service said today, with corn yield expected to be the best in 23 years.

Estimated corn production was 48,820,000 bushels, an average of 20 bushels to the acre, the highest since 1923. Last year's yield was 48,087,000 and the ten year average was 42,517,000 bushels.

A record wheat yield per acre—15 bushels—was figured with a total crop of 5,798,000 bushels, an increase of 14 percent over last year.

Farmers reported prospects for the first million-ton crop of hay, with yield fixed at 1,035,000 tons, four percent higher than last year's record crop and 49 percent ahead of the ten year average.

**MERMAIDS FROM GOLDSBORO WIN AT WASHINGTON**

Washington, July 16.—(AP)—The Goldsboro, N. C., Swimming Association team won third place in the Women's division of a district AAU swimming meet last night at Airport Pool.

Prize Nufer, star of the Goldsboro team, gained all that team's seven points. The Women's Swimming Association of New York took first place with 18 points.

Miss Nufer annexed honors in the 60-yard free style and 180-yard individual medley and took second place in the 68-yard backstroke.

**U. S. OPPOSED TO CLOSING CHANNELS**

Washington, July 16.—(AP)—The State department announced today that it was opposed to the closing of world trade arteries such as the Burma Road and the French Indo-China railway over which China receives most of its war supplies.

Japan has demanded that Great Britain close the Burma route.

## British Merchant Fleet May Be Stronger Now

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# Peace Offer Reported

## NEW DEMANDS ARE MADE FOR THIRD TERM

**Democratic Convention Otherwise Moves Slowly Today, With Committees Working in Hotel Rooms To Complete Platform.**

Chicago, July 16.—(AP)—New demands for the renomination of President Roosevelt, coupled with high praise of the New Deal record, pierced today the dull routine of this slowly organizing convention.

In rapid order, while Mr. Roosevelt still held occasional telephone chats with Secretary Hopkins, there were three third term developments: Secretary of Labor Perkins told several thousand applauding women at a breakfast that "we are about to break tradition and nominate a man for a third term."

Representative Arthur Mitchell of Illinois, the only Negro congressman, told a sparsely attended mid-day convention session that eight of our every ten Negroes would vote in November for the party "whose banner I hope and pray will be carried by that great humanitarian, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

And Mrs. Thomas F. McAllister, director of the national committees women's division, appeared to her hearers to lend further support to the expected third term nomination when she told the delegates:

"There are millions of human beings throughout the self-governing nations of the world who look for leadership and faith in the principles of democracy to the United States of America and to the first citizen of the world, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

While committees worked in hotel rooms to complete a platform—the delegates traveled out to this big stadium and back again, still without word of President Roosevelt's own intentions.

Directors of the third term drive were described as still uncertain whether to put the President formally into nomination, and the vice-presidential problem was no nearer solution than it had been yesterday.

## Germans Sink More Ships

Berlin, July 16.—(AP)—Sinking of 41,600 tons more of British shipping and renewed air raids on England aimed at airports, harbors and factories were reported by the high command today.

Three merchant ships totaling 18,000 tons were sent to the bottom of the English channel in repeated raids on British shipping yesterday, the communiqué said, while another submarine reported 23,600 tons had been sunk.

German fliers continuing their daily forays on the British Isles were said to have observed fires and explosions after dropping bombs on airports.

London, July 16.—(AP)—Enemy action caused the loss of 22 British, allied and neutral merchant ships totaling 114,137 tons during the week ending July 7, the admiralty announced today.

An authoritative source acknowledged that the losses were above the average for the 44 weeks so far accounted for, and warned:

"We must expect more violent and more frequent air attacks with the coast of France occupied."

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## Floor Fight On Foreign Policy Is Threatened

Chicago, July 16.—(AP)—The threat of a floor fight over the explosive issue of sending aid to Great Britain confronted Democratic policy makers today when they tackled the party's platform.

Senators Wheeler of Montana and Pepper of Florida, advocates of different courses in foreign affairs, served notice that the questions would be submitted to the whole convention unless their respective views were adopted.

Wheeler and Senator McCarran of Nevada, members of the drafting sub-committee, have subscribed to a declaration which would pledge the party never to use the nation's armed forces of aggression nor to send them to European or Asiatic battlefields.

Pepper said that the party should adopt a "straightforward plank for aid short of war to Great Britain." He declared that if the committee brings out a "pussyfooting platform" it will be repudiated by the convention.

## Delegate Bonus Undecided

Chicago, July 16.—(AP)—The Democratic convention rules committee after a hot debate deferred until tomorrow a decision on the question of awarding a delegate bonus in future conventions to states going Democratic in prior presidential elections.

The argument developed the same fight between southern and northern states that occurred before the national committee two days ago.

The rules group not only postponed action on the national committee's proposal to add one delegate to each state going Democratic, but to put off reporting this matter to the convention until after a presidential nomination is made.

## Anti-Third Term Plank Suggested

Chicago, July 16.—(AP)—The possibility arose today that Democratic platform makers might be forced to pass on a plank putting their party on record against a third term for any president.

Declining to discuss details, Senator McCarran of Nevada told newsmen that introduction of an anti-third term proposal for a showdown vote within the committee hinged on several other planks he has in mind.

He was quick to add that it was not to be taken for granted that he would be the one to offer the proposal, which most everyone around this convention city believed would be promptly killed.

## Huge Fires At Haifa

Rome, July 16.—(AP)—Huge fires at Haifa, British oil port in Palestine, and crippling blows to units of Britain's Mediterranean fleet—including the 42,100-ton battleship Hood—were reported by the Italian high command today.

Direct hits by Italian fliers on oil refineries and depots at the Holy Land port were said to have set up flames that could be seen by airplanes 120 miles away.

Giving a summary of the running sea warfare in the eastern and western Mediterranean, the high command listed:

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## As Convention Opened



James A. Farley, postmaster general and chairman of the Democratic national committee, is shown on the speaker's stand at the party's national convention in Chicago, as he appeared when calling the convention to order.

## Democrats Awaiting Word From FDR

North Carolina Population To Show Big Gain

Raleigh, July 16.—(AP)—North Carolina's population apparently increased more than 400,000 between 1930 and 1940, an unofficial compilation based on preliminary reports from 56 counties indicated today.

The 56 counties had 1,967,084 persons this year, compared with 1,725,142 ten years ago, a net gain of 237,689 people. Fifty-one counties showed gains but five had slight losses totaling 2,253.

The population would be 428,000 ahead of 1930 if the entire state gained in proportion with the 56 counties, but most counties with industrial centers and large cities were included in the 56. The 1930 population was 3,165,146.

Charlotte was given a population of 100,327. It was the first time that a North Carolina city had passed the 100,000 mark. Ten years ago Charlotte was listed at 82,675.

The opinion was expressed in official state circles here that the population gains assured North Carolina of another congressman.

## 63 Bodies From Mine

Sonman, Pa., July 16.—(AP)—In a deluge of rain, grim rescue workers early today trundled out of the depths of a bituminous coal mine the canvas-covered bodies of 63 men killed by an explosion yesterday.

Rescue workers who inched their way through passage ways filled with deadly gases brought out 62 canvas-wrapped bodies and L. C. Campbell, assistant to the president of the Koppers company, operator of the mine, said one other man was missing and known to be dead in the explosion sector.

Among the victims of the explosion—Pennsylvania's worst soft coal disaster in ten years—were a father and his two sons, whose bodies were found side by side in a section where 34 met death.

Campbell said work lists showed only 34 men were working in the mine at the time of the explosion, about 11:55 a. m. (e. s. t.) yesterday, although as many as 1,200 are employed at times on three shifts.

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy; scattered showers tonight and over extreme south portion Wednesday; slightly cooler.

## SUGGESTS ISLAND TO PAY WAR DEBT

London, July 16.—(AP)—Oswald Lewis, conservative member of parliament, suggested today that a British island in or near the West Indies be sold to the United States for an air and naval base "in full satisfaction of the balance of our debt outstanding to the United States in respect of the last war."

The debt to the United States totals about \$5,500,000,000.

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## Japanese Cabinet Of Yonai Quits

**"Trial Balloon" Peace Offer Floated In Rome, With Alternative Threat of Full Blast Assault on British Isles.**

(By The Associated Press.) An apparent "trial balloon" peace offer to Britain by the axis powers—with an alternative threat of a full blast assault on the British Isles—was floated by diplomatic circles in Rome today.

Simultaneously, the international picture was darkened by the resignation of the Japanese cabinet headed by Premier Admiral Yonai. It appeared likely the Yonai cabinet would be succeeded by a group favoring stronger action against western powers in the Orient, including the United States.

This report coincided with the departure of strong forces of the United States battlefleet from Hawaii—numbering two battleships, twelve cruisers and an aircraft carrier and a powerful array of destroyers.

While the Navy department maintained silence, speculation was aroused that the American men-of-war may be steaming to patrol British and French isles in the South Pacific.

The Nazi-fascist peace moves, as described by diplomatic quarters in Rome, would be sounded by Hitler in a three-point plan as follows:

1.—Settlement of European affairs, presumably with Germany and Italy to dominate the continent—and Britain to keep "hands off."

2.—Return of British-held colonies owned by Germany before the World war.

3.—Economic rehabilitation of Europe.

Premier Minister Churchill in a broadcast Sunday night scornfully rejected in advance any axis suggestion of a peace parley.

Nazis said Germany is ready to strike when Hitler gives the word and that a titanic blow was then "inevitable" because Churchill insisted on fighting to a finish.

Informed German quarters held that British stubbornness would require the latter alternative and said bases for attack had been prepared "with German thoroughness" from

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## Germans Held In Argentina

Buenos Aires, July 16.—(AP)—Reliable reports from the northern Argentine territory of Formosa said today that 25 German residents had been arrested, of whom eight still were in custody, in raids aimed at possible "fifth columnists."

The national gendarmes, raiding houses and Nazi meeting places, seized stores of arms and ammunition and propaganda pamphlets, there reports said.

Some of the pamphlets were described as telling of German victories in Europe and alluding to what might befall any country daring to oppose the Nazis.

## Nazis Ready For Attack

Projected Attack On Britain Said Delayed by Difference of German Opinion.

Grenoble, France, July 16.—(AP)—Le Petit Dauphinois said today that foreign diplomatic quarters in Switzerland had heard that a projected attack on England by 600,000 Germans had been delayed because of difference of opinion in the high command, but that the attack may be launched Friday night.

The Germans have assembled hundreds of ships for the attack, the newspaper said in a dispatch from Bern.

According to the newspaper, the commander in chief of the German army and other generals opposed the plan of attack, first set for July 9

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