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## CONVENTION "DRAFT" EXPECTED TONIGHT

### Konoye Is New Jap Premier; Lull In European War Moves; U. S. Warships Leave Hawaii

### Hitler Said Preparing Peace Offer

### Konoye Is Advocate of Totalitarian System; U. S. Warships Believed Enroute to "Patrol" British and French Islands.

By The Associated Press

Interest in the Orient today—amid an ominous European conflict—as a new premier to carry on a policy of foreign expansion and States warships were believed to be enroute to the Far East.

Speculations arose, too, in the United States, following the news that the Japanese government had authorized a new cabinet, following the resignation yesterday of Premier Admiral Yonai. The new government is expected to be more anti-American and anti-British than was the Yonai government. Prince Konoye is an advocate of a totalitarian one-party system.

It is reported that Adolf Hitler is preparing a "last chance" offer to Britain, possibly a "surrender or annihilation" ultimatum—were it not for the scheduled departure of Italy's foreign minister, Count Ciano, due in Berlin Friday, expected to confer with Hitler regarding possible "terms" to be offered Britain.

The Japanese foreign office announced Britain has agreed to close the Burma Road—China's main life line for supplies—and also shut the flow of arms traffic into the British colony of India.

Hitler, however, has insisted she should give up the fight against the British, and these negotiations, it is believed, Emperor Hirohito stressed Prince Konoye to the im-



Japan's Duce

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### Nazis Are Confident

### Nation Awaits Hitler's Command to Strike Against England; Look To New Order.

Berlin, July 17.—(AP)—Complete confidence in Nazi ability to crush England was reflected today in the calmness with which the German people awaited a decisive test of strength which they believe may come at any minute.

The authoritative commentary Dienst aus Deutschland, which only yesterday reported everything was in readiness for an attack on England, declared the nation was awaiting Adolf Hitler's command to strike.

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### Japs Demand Apology

### Three Thousand Japanese Residents of Shanghai Approve Demand At Mass Meeting.

Shanghai, July 17.—(AP)—Three thousand Japanese residents approved a resolution at a mass meeting tonight urging Japanese military authorities here to "demand the disarming of United States Marines unless the Marines express their sincerity" by apologizing for treatment of Japanese gendarmes July 7.

Japanese Major General Minura complained the Marines roughly handled 14 Japanese plain clothes officers.

Colonel Dewitt Peck, commanding the United States Marines in the Shanghai defense area, denied that the Japanese were roughly handled.

A spokesman of the Japanese embassy expressed disapproval of messages sent by a hundred prominent American residents of Manila to Peck and Secretary of State Hull urging a strong stand in the incident of the gendarmes.

"The Manila action is unfortunate," the spokesman said. "We fear it will

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### Sale of Yankees To Be Completed

New York, July 17.—(AP)—H. Garrison Silleck, Jr., one of the executors of the Jacob Ruppert estate, today confirmed the New York Yankees will be sold to a syndicate headed by James A. Farley for \$4,000,000, but added it would be possibly two months before the sale is completed. He said \$1,500,000 would be in cash and the rest would be represented by a mortgage.

### Film Figures Are Named As Communists

Houston, Tex., July 17.—(AP)—A list of names of the Dues committee members and un-American activities given a list today naming Hollywood's most prominent figures in connection with the Communist party.

Approximately 60 percent of those named were members of the party and were furnished money and other assistance, the committee was reported to embrace writers, directors, producers and actresses, directors, producers and writers.

John L. Leach of Portland, Ore., was reported active in the film industry and a Communist group in Hollywood.

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### ABC Counties Have Lower Rate Of Revocation Of Drivers' Licenses

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

July 17. The 27 North Carolina counties in which there are motor licenses had a slightly better record in the matter of revocation of licenses than did the other 27 counties during the first six months of this year.

The county aggregate was 5.63 per thousand registrations, while the other 27 counties had a mark of 5.83 per thousand registrations. The counties with the lowest rates were 2.7 and 2.8, and 46,650 registrations.

One county, with 3,540 automobiles registered and 20 revocations of drivers' licenses, had a rate of 5.63 revocations per thousand registrations, 27 above the average of the other counties and 22 below the average for all counties in the state.

These figures were arrived at by Raleigh reporter by the tedious, but thoroughly accurate, method of talking the revocations by counties for the first six months as furnished by the Division of Highway Safety and dividing the figure for each county by the total automobile registration for each county as furnished by the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

The result corresponds very closely with a comparison of the revocations in "wet" and "dry" counties on a population basis—a comparison which your reporter made several months ago on the basis of total revocations in 1939. Of necessity, the 1939 population figures had to be used.

Revocations per thousand registrations, however, is admittedly a much fairer method of determining the relative standing of the ABC and the dry counties.

There were nine counties having more than ten revocations per thousand registrations during the first half of 1940, and every one of them is legally dry. Of the ABC counties, New Hanover's 8.29 per thousand was the highest revocation figure.

When the total revocations were published without relating them to the registration figures, Guilford, Mecklenburg and other large counties naturally showed up with the highest totals; but when the rate is figured out the situation is completely changed.

On the "per thousand of registration" basis, the counties with the lowest rates were 2.7 and 2.8, and 46,650 registrations.

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### Cheering "Draft Roosevelt" Appeal



C. P. Phonephoto

Democratic national convention delegates jump to their feet, cheering and waving as "draft Roosevelt" sentiment crystallizes at the convention. President Roosevelt's statement, announced by Senator Barkley last night, that he had no "desire or purpose" to run again served only to send the delegates into a prolonged and noisy demonstration which had all but a few state standards parading the aisles and the big crowd shouted over and over what had become its theme: "We want Roosevelt."

### Vice Presidential Race Still Wide Open, With FDR Silent

### Tar Heels Take Prominent Part In Demonstration

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—North Carolinians were enthusiastic after the demonstration for President Roosevelt at the Democratic national convention last night.

Former United States Senator and Governor Cameron Morrison of Charlotte took a prominent part in the demonstration and for a time carried one end of the large banner which proclaimed:

"North Carolina's 26 votes for Roosevelt."

Governor Hoey and State Chairman R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia stood in their seats throughout the demonstration and waved to the delegates.

### Foreign Policy Fight Snarls Convention

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—Final drafting of a plank on foreign policy tangled the Democratic platform committee in renewed controversy today and started plans for the convention program.

Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, convention chairman, said up-against a committee session that agreement had been reached to recess this afternoon's scheduled session until 7 p. m. (e. s. t.).

The platform had been scheduled to go before the 1 p. m. session but the committee was so tied up on the war plank that a final draft was considered impossible of attainment until much later in the day.

Barkley declined to discuss events in the committee but it was learned that Senator Claude Pepper of Florida had started a determined fight to force inclusion in the foreign policy declaration of a pledge for "full aid short of war" to Great Britain.

As the committee met to consider the platform draft completed by a sub-committee last night and known to include a war plank satisfactory to non-interventionists, Pepper arrived with the announcement:

"We have no intention of surrendering unless there is substantial compliance with what we want."

Earlier the Floridian, a member of the full resolutions group, had said only that the draft contained "two obvious deficiencies."

These, he declared, were failure to include an "aid short of war" provision and a pledge not to yield to appeasement.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, thundershowers over east portion tonight and along north coast Thursday; slightly warmer.

### Suggestions That Roosevelt be Given His Choice of a Running Mate Keeps Race Open Among Many Possible Candidates.

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—Suggestions that President Roosevelt be given his choice of a running mate should be accepted a draft nomination kept the Democratic vice presidential race wide open today.

Word from a high authority that the President had indicated that he had no objections to either Secretary of Agriculture Wallace or Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war, was seized upon by backers of these two men as a talking point.

Some delegates clung to the belief that Secretary Hull might be the convention choice despite evidence that he was reluctant to consider the place.

Representative Albert Gore of Tennessee, Hull's home state, said that on the basis of a conversation he had held with the cabinet member, Hull did not want his name presented.

There was renewed speculation on the possibility that Mr. Roosevelt might give support to Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme court.

One report was that Postmaster General Farley would support Jesse

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### ITALIAN PLANES RAID ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria, July 17.—(AP)—One person was killed and two were injured last night in an Italian air attack on the Alexandria area. The raid lasted about one hour.

The main of the invading planes was reported shot down by anti-aircraft fire. The extent of damage was not reported.

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### Willkie Expresses Hope For Campaign On Issues

Colorado Springs, Col., July 17.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie said today he hoped the coming presidential campaign would be "conducted solely on the issues" but added that "if the opposition decides to reduce it to a smear campaign" he and his associates would "take care of ourselves."

Asked at his press conference how his campaign would be conducted, Willkie responded:

"I am hoping that the campaign will be conducted solely on the issue. If, however, the opposition decides to reduce it to a smear campaign, I am going to sing wholly extemporaneous matters from the very

fundamental and important issues—we will do our very best to take care of ourselves.

"In all my public discussions I have never made an unkind reference to any individual. I am hoping during this campaign to follow the same course."

Willkie predicted that Roosevelt would receive and accept a third term nomination, and renewed his declaration that he would rather run against the President than any other Democrat.

Willkie said that the Chief Executive was the best representative of the New Deal side of the coming campaign and that he would like to have a fight against him.

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### New Dealers Predict Acceptance

### Third Term Movement Sweeps Forward as Reply to President's Message That He Has "No Wish to be a Candidate."

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—The clamor of "we want Roosevelt now" swept a third term draft movement forward today in a boisterous reply from Democratic delegates to President Roosevelt's message that he had "no wish to be a candidate."

So rapid was its sweep that directors of the campaign to enlist Mr. Roosevelt for another term predicted the national convention would wrap up the nomination for him before tonight's session ends.

What the President would do then remained to be seen. But all the chief New Deal lieutenants on the scene predicted that he would accept.

Secretary of Commerce Hopkins said he had "feeling and assurance" that "when the President is nominated he will accept."

For 25 minutes the delegates had let loose a bedlam of shouting and marching last night when Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky mentioned the President's name during his speech accepting the permanent chairmanship of the convention.

And then when he finally read the message from the White House for which the delegates had been fidgeting they turned the big stadium into a 50-minute clamorous tumult.

### Hull Rejects Nazi Views

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—German contentions that the United States should protest against the British blockade of Germany on the same grounds that it opposed the closing of the Burma route to China were rejected today by Secretary Hull.

Commenting at his press conference on the German reaction to his statement yesterday that this country opposed the closing of the Burma Road and any other world trade arteries, Secretary Hull said there was no parallel between this situation and the British blockade.

He explained that nations at war have the right under international law to intercept commerce of belligerents or neutrals.

In the case of a privately owned highway running through a nation not at war, Secretary Hull emphasized, an entirely different rule prevails.

### No Comment From Early

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—The White House said it shouldered question after question today as to whether President Roosevelt would accept re-nomination for a third term.

Eager for information as to whether the President would take the nomination despite last night's announcement in Chicago, newsmen peppered Stephen Early, Mr. Roosevelt's press secretary, with questions.

"As an official close to the President," Early was asked, "do you think he will bow to the will of the convention?"

"Just for the moment I'm not thinking," Early replied.

A bit whether the President was pleased with the reception the convention gave his name, Early said a previous statement that there was "no news" was supposed to stop reporters on that.

Senator McNary, the Republican vice presidential nominee, said that President Roosevelt in freeing his pledged delegates to vote for any presidential candidate in the Democratic convention "has very conveniently left the front door unlocked."

"Of course that means his nomination," said McNary.

Altes of Vice President Garner said he had no comment.

### White House Cold Shoulders Question After Question On Third Term Issue.

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### Compromise On Delegates Is Reached

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—The south and north compromised today their differences over delegate reapportionment to future Democratic national conventions. This resulted in rules committee approval of a plan of a bonus of two delegates-at-large for each state going Democratic in a presidential election.

The plan was to be submitted to the convention for expected acceptance today.

The compromise overturned a national committee proposal calling for only one additional delegate. Each state now has four delegates-at-large.

The compromise plan also provided that reapportionment be turned back to the national committee for further study before the 1944 convention.

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### Hoey Advises Compromise On Delegate Fight

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—If southern states can get but one additional delegate each at this convention they ought to take it, says Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

He agreed with others, however, that when the two-thirds nomination rule was abrogated four years ago the southern states were led to believe they would get even more delegates to the convention.

Hoey said maybe the southerners shouldn't be too hasty in their decisions.

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