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Hulls Off to Havana



Conference Looks To Secretary Hull

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Casualties of Air Raids on England Announced Today

London, July 20.—(AP)—The ministry of home security announced today that "for the month beginning June 18, when large scale bombing raids on the United Kingdom began, a total of 336 civilians have been killed and 476 seriously injured in air raids."

"The largest number killed in any locality on any occasion was 32," the brief communique concluded.

FDR Signs Navy Bill

Measure is Designed to Give United States Invincible "Two Ocean Fleet".

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed into law a bill authorizing a \$4,610,000,000 expansion of the Navy, designed to give the United States a "two ocean fleet" capable of meeting any possible hostile combination.

The White House announced the signing today.

The Chief Executive already has asked Congress to provide \$33,000,000 to start work on the new program which, when completed in 1946 or 1947, would give the nation a total of 701 fighting craft built around the world's most powerful single aggregation of capital ships—35 dreadnaughts.

In addition to about 200 new surface ships and submarines to cost \$4,610,000,000 with the additional facilities they will require, the new law authorized the navy to acquire 100,000,000,000 a total of 15,000 airplanes, 50 percent more than the previously authorized maximum. If the President deems them necessary even more may be ordered.

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Nazis Attack By Radio

DIES COMMITTEE TOLD COMMUNISTS COULD DEMORALIZE NEW YORK

Maps and Photostats of Essential Industries and Utilities Obtained Through WPA Writers Project, Investigators Say.

Beaumont, Tex., July 20.—(AP)—The Dies un-American activities committee was told today that the communist party has obtained information through which it could demoralize within a few hours the city of New York.

Maps and photostats of every industry essential to communication, transportation and life itself in the nation's industrial capital have been obtained by the communists through a writers' WPA project, committee sources said it learned.

Two investigators, George Hurley and Steve Birmingham, brought the evidence before the committee.

Material purported to show that the communists have all vital information pertaining to the water supply, electricity, railroads, food and milk centers, railroads, gas supplies, and bridges.

Representative Martin Dies, chairman, said he would go to New York to hold a hearing.

"No one need be alarmed," Colonel Somervell said.

Resignation Of Wallace Predicted

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, predicted today that Secretary Wallace would resign soon as secretary of agriculture to wage an active campaign.

The Georgia senator said his information was "unofficial but reliable."

At the same time a Republican member of the House, who declined to be quoted by name, said there undoubtedly would be a Republican demand for Wallace's resignation, if it were not forthcoming, because of the millions of dollars he is authorized to distribute in farm benefits.

Senator George said that Wallace undoubtedly will be expected to carry on a very vigorous speaking campaign. President Roosevelt has announced that he would stay near Washington and indicated that he would make few campaign speeches.

There was some speculation that Representative Marvin Jones, Democrat, Texas, chairman of the House agriculture committee, might be appointed to succeed Wallace, but friends of the Texan questioned this. They pointed out that Jones had received a lifetime appointment to a federal judgeship in the United States district court of appeals.

Italy Declares British Invasion To Start Soon

Rome, July 20.—(AP)—Italy today acknowledged loss of the cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, but claimed the sinking of a British warship in a three-hour naval battle in the middle of the Mediterranean yesterday.

At the same time she declared that Germany's attack on Britain was "only a question of days."

This word came from the authoritative fascist weekly Relazioni Internazionali, which described Nazi air raids against England as merely a preliminary to a great naval operation.

"A certain time is necessary for extending military operations over English territory," the weekly said. "The English may be more clever on defense than on attack x x x but this is a war of constant offensives in

Tobacco Growers Voting Today On Control Program

(By The Associated Press.) Cigarette tobacco growers took time out today from their task of preparing a multi-million dollar crop to vote on production limitations designed by the government to bolster sagging income.

Some 350,000 farmers, tenants and share-croppers were expected to indicate their preference on three bright leaf tobacco plans presented through the Agricultural Adjustment Administration referendum.

The first, urged by farm officials throughout the six-state belt as the best influence on depressed markets, would establish acreage quotas for 1941, 1942 and 1943.

The second plan would extend the control another year. Third choice would be to discard quotas altogether.

First referendum returns came from Camden county, N. C., where all three eligible voters cast their ballots in favor of the three-year plan.

545 Italians Rescued

British Save Most of Crew of Italian Cruiser Sunk in Mediterranean Battle.

Cairo, July 20.—(AP)—The British rescued 545 men from the Bartholomeo Colleoni, Italian cruiser sunk in a Mediterranean battle yesterday, a British communique asserted.

No casualties were suffered by the British in the action, the British said, although the Italian air force bombed their ships several times while they were rescuing the Italians from the water and while the fleet was returning to its base.

One British officer told of the fight:

"We sighted two Italian cruisers and immediately opened fire. One Italian cruiser turned tail in a hurry, but the Bartholomeo Colleoni carried long enough to answer our fire, then started a mad dash in any direction that seemed to represent safety x x x

"One of our shells hit the boiler room of the Bartholomeo Colleoni. We continued shelling but the Italian commander ordered the crew to abandon ship because they had started stripping themselves of their clothing and flinging themselves overboard. As we came up they were crying to us to save them."

"We immediately started picking up what Italians we could while continuing to shell the cruiser. Then we launched two torpedoes which landed squarely amidships and started her on the way down. Another torpedo reached the cruiser's magazine so that her ammunition started exploding like an American Fourth of July celebration. That was the end."

London Paper Reveals Hitler Offer To U. S.

London, July 20.—(AP)—The London Sketch in its "inside information" column said today that one of the things Adolf Hitler failed to mention in his speech was a "fantastic plan to offer Canada to the United States which Ribbentrop (German foreign minister) conceived and is having circulated tentatively in Washington."

The paper added that by this plan, which it said had been communicated to leading propagandists in the United States, "Hitler will give a solemn pledge not to intervene in the Americas after he has finished with Britain. As proof of his sincerity he would agree to the incorporation of Canada."

Congress Is Expected To Stay On Job

Tax Measures, Military Training and Assortment of Defense Proposals To Keep Legislators Busy For Weeks.

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—Taking their cue from President Roosevelt, most members of Congress talked today of combining a national political campaign with a continuous session of Congress.

"I pity anybody who proposes to adjourn with the present temper of the country," said Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan.

From the Democratic ranks, Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, predicted that the pending "excess profits" tax proposal, compulsory military training and an assortment of defense measures would keep legislative machinery busy for many weeks.

With both major political conventions out of the way, Congress will reassemble Monday.

House members centered attention on new tax levies aimed at any heavy profits created by the multi-billion dollar preparedness programs and intended to supplement the \$1,000,000 national defense tax measure recently rushed through Congress.

Lumbermen Now Want Regulation

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, July 20.—State wage-hour legislation along lines similar to the Federal laws is getting support from an unexpected quarter as the result of the current checkup on North Carolina's lumber industry by combined State-Federal inspectors.

Heretofore the lumber interests have been among the most uncompromising and unyielding foes of any wage-hour legislation of any

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Sunday, except scattered showers in mountains Sunday.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK. Frequent thundershowers beginning in middle, and generally fair near end of week; normal temperatures.

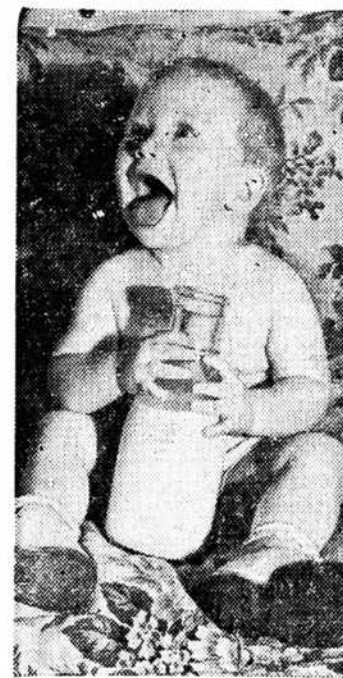
Bullitt Reveals Narrow Escape In Paris Bombing

New York, July 20.—(AP)—William Bullitt, United States ambassador to France, disclosed on his return from Europe aboard the Dixie Clipper today that his escape from Paris was much narrower than at first reported.

Censored dispatches described the bomb that dropped within ten feet of Bullitt as a "dud." Today the ambassador revealed the projectile was a time bomb which exploded an hour later demolishing the room.

"We were having lunch at the French air ministry office when we heard the air raid signal. The first bomb landed in a vacant field 100 yards in front of us. The second bomb demolished a small building closer to us—a French hospital—killing three sick men and injuring eight others. Then they started dropping all around us. x x x

Hitting the Bottle



Attired for sultry weather, little Brenda Talbot, of New York, laughs at the heat and humidity as she cools off with large draughts of cold milk.

(Central Press)

Short Crime Wave Ended

Escaped Iowa Convicts Captured After Dramatic Chase In Three States.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 20.—(AP)—Two bursts of gunfire in the Sunday school room of a church, and a baffling dead end street brought about the recapture of two escaped convicts who had robbed a bank, then kidnapped motorists, stolen cars and fought pistol battles in panic-stricken flight.

Lovell Haenze, 27, of Sleepy Eye, Minn., slumped to the floor of the church at Marysville, Kans., yesterday after he was beaten to the draw by Lee Schramm, assistant city marshal of the northeast Kansas town.

The other convict, Ivan Sullivan, 29, was so confused today at Atchison, Kan., by a dead end street that he jumped from his stolen automobile as a pursuing officer fired at him, made his slow way across the Missouri river into Missouri, where

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Jim Reed To Back Willkie

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—James A. Reed, former Democratic senator from Missouri, offered today to cooperate with Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, in organizing Democrats opposed to a third term for President Roosevelt.

Burke, who announced he would bolt the Democratic party and support Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican nominee, received a telegram from the Missouri Democratic leader, suggesting a conference in Chicago next Thursday, July 25, of Jeffersonian Democrats.

Office assistants to Senator Burke said he had not answered the telegram.

Propaganda Guns Turned On England

German Bombers Blast Length of Britain in Pointed Emphasis; Official Britain Scorns Answer to Hitler's Address.

(By The Associated Press.) Germany turned radio propaganda guns on the British public today, warning of the death and destruction it may face if it persists in refusing to take Adolf Hitler's "final" road to peace.

German bombers blasted the length of Britain in pointed emphasis to the peace offer.

The Nazi objective seemed to be to sow distrust of their leadership in British minds. An English translation of Hitler's speech yesterday was broadcast again and again to England.

Elsewhere, the impression grew that Hitler's long threatened attack in force against the United Kingdom had come closer.

Informed sources in Berlin agreed the first reception in Britain of Hitler's appeal to reason was discouraging, "rowdy," and "rude," but said this was the "plutocratic clique" speaking. German expectations turned instead upon the British "man in the street."

Roaring across the coast in the early morning, the Nazi planes swarmed over England throughout the day in one of the worst raids of the war.

The day-long attacks were capped in mid-afternoon with a lightning raid on ships anchored in a southern English harbor. Seventeen planes let go their bomb cargoes, but apparently no ships were hit.

Anti-aircraft guns and fighting planes kept busy fighting off the attackers and broke up this foray. One German plane was believed shot down in the channel and observers said two others might have been downed by anti-aircraft fire.

The German high command reported new operations against Britain in a report that Nazi bombers had blasted four harbors, anti-aircraft defenses, sunk a 5,000-ton merchant ship, damaged three other vessels and a destroyer.

In these forays only three German planes were lost, the communique said, against 27 British planes shot down. The British claimed 16 Nazi planes have been downed in the past 24 hours.

Official Britain scornfully maintained silence on the Nazi Fuehrer's "last appeal to reason"—meaning peace on his own terms—but there were intimations that Prime Minister Churchill—who already has declared "we shall seek no terms, we shall tolerate no parleys"—might deliver Britain's answer in the house of commons on Tuesday.

In Berlin, informed German sources said any British hint of interest in Hitler's offer would hold off for the time being the long threatened mass attack on England.

Eleven Deaths Are Attributed To Heat Wave

Chicago, July 20.—(AP)—The hottest weather of the year scorched the mid-west and large areas of the east today, bringing the inevitable heat wave death toll.

Eleven fatalities were reported—five of them drownings and six attributed to the heat.

Forecaster A. J. Knarr said there was little likelihood of relief before Monday. The heat wave has blistered Nebraska and other midwest areas for four days and spread into Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York yesterday.

Liquor Sales \$522,479.39

Raleigh, July 20.—(AP)—Legal liquor sales in the 27 wet North Carolina counties last month totaled \$522,479.39. Cutler Moore, chairman of the State Board of Alcoholic Control, reported today.

Durham county was high with \$25,753.30; Wake second with \$76,454.35 and New Hanover third with \$53,175.25. Other counties follow: Beaufort, \$18,699.70; Edgecombe, \$26,255.50; Johnston, \$16,280.25; Lee, \$14,657.60; Pitt, \$21,049.10; Wayne, \$14,591.15; Wilson, \$18,848.75; and, \$17,366.60; Greene, \$2,362.55.