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## Halifax Rejects Hitler's Offer

### Praise and Coffee for Germany's Heroes



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During a march in the Nazi victory parade, wounded soldiers are welcomed by this housewife with coffee, which is very scarce under the Hitler rationing. Meanwhile, their Fuehrer, lavishing praise on his armies and generals, called upon Great Britain to surrender or be destroyed. Photo radiated from Berlin to New York.

## Says Britain Will Defend Freedom

### In World Broadcast, British Foreign Secretary Defies Hitler and Makes Mention of United States Support.

London, July 22.—(AP)—Lord Halifax, British foreign secretary, answered Adolf Hitler's peace offer today with a declaration that Great Britain will "not stop fighting until freedom for ourselves and others is secure."

"We realize the struggle may cost us everything," the foreign secretary said in a world broadcast "but just because the things we are defending are worth any sacrifice it is a noble privilege to be the defender of things so precious."

Hitler made plain in his July 19 speech, Halifax declared, that "his picture of Europe is one of Germany lorded it over these peoples whom he has one by one deprived of their freedom."

Britain's picture of Europe, Halifax said, is "one of a free association of independent states, and because of that contrast we remain unmoved by threats unaccompanied by any appeal to our sense of right or justice."

In every part of Britain, he declared, there is "a spirit of indomitable resolution."

"The peoples of the British Commonwealth, along with those who love truth and freedom and justice, will never accept this new world of Hitler's," Lord Halifax said.

He asserted that "across the wide Atlantic there are mighty nations

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## Congress Asked For Half-Billion Dollars To Stimulate Trade

### Tobacco Growers Vote Over Four To One For Control

Atlanta, July 22.—(AP)—Flue-cured leaf tobacco farmers looked today to their better than four-to-one approval of federal control of their crops to help bolster prices from last year's sag.

Producers in six southeastern states expressed themselves Saturday overwhelmingly in favor of government restrictions for three years.

In Georgia 84.7 percent of those voting favored control; in North Carolina, 86 percent; South Carolina, 88.7; Virginia, 76.5; and Florida, 87.5.

Eighty-four farmers in seven Alabama counties where the crop is still in the experimental stage were unanimous for the program.

In a pre-ballooting statement Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace told the growers that quotas would not likely be set below the current figures if they accepted the long range program.

## Fund To Aid Commerce In Americas

### President Roosevelt Asks Increase in Lending Power of Export-Import Bank, in Special Message Delivered Today.

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today to increase the lending power of the export-import bank by \$500,000,000 so that it might be "of greater assistance to our neighbors south of the Rio Grande."

In a special message coincident with the Pan-American conference at Havana, Mr. Roosevelt said that the war in Europe was preventing the flow of surplus products from the western hemisphere.

"It is to be hoped," he said, "that before another year world trade can be re-established, but pending this adjustment we in the United States should join with the peoples of the other republics in the western hemisphere in meeting their problems. I call the attention of Congress to the fact that by helping our neighbors we will be helping ourselves."

"It is in the interest of the producers of our country as well as in the interest of the producers of other countries that there shall not be disorganized or cut throat markets in those commodities which we all export."

"No sensible person would advocate the attempt to prevent the normal exchange of commodities between other continents and the Americas, but what can and should be done is to prevent excessive fluctuation caused by distress selling resulting from temporary interruption in the flow of trade or the fact that there has not yet been established a system of free exchange. Unless exporting companies are able to assist their nationals they will be forced to bargain as best they can."

## Knox Urges Navy Funds

### Secretary of Navy Also Reveals Purchase of Two Steamers for Marine Corps.

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox urged quick approval today of legislation which would give his department another \$1,000,000,000 to bring the nation's naval strength to more than 700 warships, enough for a two-ocean navy.

Knox, appearing at the start of closed hearings by a House appropriations sub-committee on President Roosevelt's request for \$4,800,000 for the Army and Navy, surveyed the Navy's needs generally. The Navy would get roughly one billion dollars, the remainder going to the Army.

Chairman Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, of the sub-committee, said he hoped to bring the bill the House for debate within ten days.

Meanwhile, Speaker Bankhead and House Majority Leader Rayburn, of Texas, said there was a possibility that a \$25,000,000 bill to increase power output of the Tennessee Valley Authority to permit production of more aluminum for airplanes might be called up for action Wednesday or Thursday.

The Navy, meanwhile, disclosed that four destroyers were being fitted out for use by the Marine Corps, evidencing efforts to speed creation of a "mobile navy" expeditionary force ready for any hemisphere emergency.

Knox announced that the Navy (Continued on Page Seven.)

## Pan-American Meet Opens Later Today

### SENATE ADJOURNS UNTIL THURSDAY

Washington, July 22.—(AP)—The Senate voted today in the absence of legislation labeled important and ready for action to recess until Thursday.

Further, Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader, said another recess would be agreed to Thursday with regular legislative sessions to start next week.

### Commissions Set Up At Closed Session; Address of Secretary Hull Expected to Be Policy Guiding Declaration.

Havana, July 22.—(AP)—The emergency conference of the 21 American republics set up commissions at a closed session today to deal with vital problems of hemisphere defense and economy.

This pre-conference set in motion, the delegates adjourned to wait for the various governments to define their positions in formal declarations at the opening session later today.

The United States took a place only on the important peace commission which is to consider the whole question of continental defense, including the future status of European possession in the western hemisphere.

The conference rules, however, provide that any country submitting a proposal to a commission automatically becomes a member of that commission.

The address of Secretary of State Hull in the late afternoon was expected to assume the status of a policy guiding declaration on all phases.

### Air Warfare Continues

London, July 2.—(AP)—The ministry of home security announced today "enemy" aircraft dropped bombs during last night in one district of the midlands and in another on the northeast coast.

In Cairo, it was said heavy damage to the Italian-Libyan port of Tobruk and the nearby airbase of El Gubbi was reported in week-end raids.

## Panama Ship Sunk By Sub

### Nazi Bombers Bomb and Sink Merchant Vessel, With "Heavy Loss of Life."

London, July 22.—(AP)—A ship identified as the 1,282-ton *Frosula* of Panama registry was sunk by German bombers last week, an authoritative source said today, adding that it is feared there was a "heavy loss of life."

The ship was bombed by German aircraft on the night of July 15, about 250 miles northwest off Cape Finisterre, Spain, in "very bad weather," this source said. Its last port of call was Barcelona.

Eighteen of the crew left in two boats, one in charge of the ship's master, the other in command of the chief officer. Nothing more has been heard from the master's boat it was said.

The source also said that those in the chief officer's boat suffered "terrible losses."

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## Italy Claims Damage To British Ships

Rome, July 22.—(AP)—The Italian high command claimed today to have "positive information" that three British warships in addition to the 42,100-ton battle cruiser Hood and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal were "damaged severely" and suffered "heavy losses" to their crews during the Italian-British Mediterranean naval battle of July 8 to 13.

In London, authoritative British sources scoffed at the Italian claims. The Italian high command also reported a British plane shot down in flames and "effective" bombardment of British bases and positions in north and east Africa.

Italy sought to husband her resources by issuing a decree permitting export only of certain goods considered profitable for the national economy.

### ANNENBERG BEGINS PRISON SENTENCE

Chicago, July 22.—(AP)—M. L. Annenberg surrendered today to begin a three-year term in the U. S. penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., where he must serve a three-year term for evasion of income taxes.

## Heat Takes Heavy Toll

Chicago, July 22.—(AP)—No immediate relief was in prospect today from the mid-summer heat wave which had engulfed most of the nation for three days.

Only two sections of the country, northern New England and scattered points in the upper Great Lakes, escaped the oppressive heat which caused deaths to scores of persons by prostrations and drownings.

More than three score persons drowned as millions flocked to beaches and lakes seeking relief. Deaths caused from the heat claimed another score or more.

In North Carolina, reports from Wilson were that George T. Boykin of near there was found dead beside a road and physicians expressed the belief that his death was caused by heat prostration.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, except widely scattered thundershowers.

## Nazi Planes Harass Britain Pending Reply To 'Last Offer'

### Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax Expected To Reiterate Churchill's Stand That Britain Will Fight To The Finish.

July 22.—(AP)—Bombing raids by German fighters kept up against the British Isles today. The British government anticipated an emergency "last offer" from Hitler's peace overture.

German bombers exploding in London today. Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax arranged a meeting to deliberate what to do in the event that Britain is in for a "last offer."

Halifax is expected to take up with the cabinet the subject of a possible "last offer" to the house of commons.

He is expected to make an attack on the "last offer" in the house of commons.

It was shot down in the English Channel, the number of survivors believed to be small.

Home security said that the number of persons affected during the week-end was on three occasions over the property of the government.

It announced the loss of the destroyer *Bezenant*, which was reported to be on its way to the Atlantic.

### U.S. Sailors In Clash With Japs

July 22.—(AP)—A clash between U. S. sailors and Japanese sailors broke out today in the waters off the coast of Japan.

The incident, which resulted in the death of one sailor and the wounding of several others, took place in the waters off the coast of Japan.

The trouble started when a U. S. sailor was seen to be talking to a Japanese sailor. The Japanese sailor then became angry and the two men fought. Four Japanese sailors attempted to attack the U. S. sailor.

## North Carolina Governmental Units Affected By National Defense Program

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walker Hotel. HENRY AVERILL.

July 22.—There is scarcely a North Carolina governmental unit which has not been affected by the current national defense program.

Of course, the state's public employees are affected in others the way of their previous activity.

The agency is actually pushing some phase of the program. It is essential to the state's defense. It is essential to the state's defense. It is essential to the state's defense.

### England's Zero Hour Will Come Following Reply

Berlin, July 11.—(AP)—England's zero hour will come after Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax and Prime Minister Winston Churchill have replied to Adolf Hitler's final proposal for peace, authoritative sources said today.

These sources intimated that official British answers are all Hitler is waiting for before starting his threatened great offensive against Britain.

The German high command reported that air raiders had caused great fires at airbases, ports, factories and oil storage tanks in England and had sunk a tanker and four merchant men aggregating 40,000 tons in an attack on a convoy.

### State's Traffic Toll Is Seven Over Weekend

Charlotte, July 22.—(AP)—North Carolina traffic accidents killed at least six persons during the week-end.

Carlton Lawson, 20, a filling station clerk, was killed and two young women were seriously injured in an automobile wreck on the Lumberton-Fairmont highway last night.

Lawson, a resident of the Long Branch community near Lumberton, died shortly after the accident. Miss Inez Ivey, a cousin of Miss Britt, was reported in a critical condition.

Miss Britt, 18, died in a hospital here today of injuries she suffered in an automobile wreck last night, bringing to two the number of fatal casualties. Carlton Lawson, 20, died shortly after the accident. Miss Inez Ivey, a cousin of Miss Britt, was reported in a critical condition.

His companions, Miss Eula Britt (Continued on Page Seven)

### Bullitt Makes Report To FR

Hyde Park, July 22.—(AP)—Ambassador William C. Bullitt, who is giving President Roosevelt a report of what has happened in France, asserted today that the relationship of the American government to the new French government was "exactly the same" as the former French regime.

He said no question of American recognition of the government established by Marshal Petain had arisen because "we never had broken off relations."

The diplomat returned from Europe Saturday and began his report to the Chief Executive in Washington last night.

"There's an awful lot to talk about," he told reporters. "We just began to scratch the surface last night."

### Fair Buff Bank Robbed

Two Masked Men Conceal Themselves in Bank, Force Cashier to Open Vault.

Fair Bluff, N. C., June 22.—(AP) Two armed white men concealed themselves in the bank of Fair Bluff last night and when Cashier A. G. Rogers appeared forced him to allow them to enter the time-locked vault.

E. C. Tucker, president, said between 1,500 and \$2,000 was stolen. The robbers were masked and wore rubber gloves.

The robbers bound and gagged the cashier and then calmly waited until the time clock on the vault allowed it to be opened without giving an alarm.

Tucker said the robbers informed (Continued on Page Seven.)

Obviously, the Adjutant General's office, nerve center of the National Guard, has been the unit most directly affected. General Metts and his staff are hard at work; but have been able to say very little publicly about the nature of their activities.

The job of readying the Tar Heel citizen-soldiers to take their place in the first line of defense is clearly not one about which all the details can be shouted from the housetops.

Taking up in detail some of the departments and divisions affected by the defense program:

(1) The Department of Revenue

Direction and coordination of the state's part in the defense scheme has fallen upon Governor Clyde R. Hoey and he has been quite busy with it. He has quietly steered departmental activities into proper channels; while he publicly has directed attention to the need for a united public, unshaken by hysteria but completely resolved to do its share.

Under him, more than a dozen departments or divisions have been pushing specific programs.

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