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Britain Increases War Taxes

Hull Heads Peace Commission At Havana Meet

Conference Committees Begin Work

Leopold Melo of Argentina Heads Neutrality Commission; Eduardo Suarez of Mexico Is President of Economic Group.

Havana, July 23.—(AP)—The United States delegation placed before the Pan-American conference today a project designed to set up machinery immediately for an Inter-American mandate over European possessions in this hemisphere.

The mandate would become operative in case such possessions were menaced with a change of sovereignty.

The United States project was submitted in the form of a proposed convention to bind the 21 American countries into a joint trusteeship of the various European colonies in this hemisphere.

A separate resolution called for the establishment of a committee to take over any possessions which might be menaced prior to the ratification of the joint trusteeship by the conference.

A project for building a great trans-continental railway through the steaming jungles and mountains of South America as a defense measure was expected to be presented to the conference late today or tomorrow under the sponsorship of Bolivia.

Shortage Of Labor Feared

Ben McNeill, chief of the United States committee on immigration, testified today before the Senate committee on immigration that the new naval program gets into full swing.

McNeill said that the new program would require the construction of a new shipyard at the rate of \$1,000,000 a month for the whole year.

Wang Makes New Demands

Shanghai, July 23.—(AP)—"Definitive" negotiations order in the settlement of Shanghai, announced today by the Chinese Daily News, mouthpiece of China's Japanese government for China.

The government requires that the settlement be met by the Shanghai council, governing the international settlement, and whose arrests are ordered by the Japanese regime.

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Johnny Rotchford is the easy to see Johnny Rotchford, 12, of Dorchester, Mass., won the title of "King of Freckleodom" in the Boston Boys' Club contest.

Willkie On Short Tour

Republican Candidate Says "There Is No Such Thing As The Indispensable Man."

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 23.—Wendell L. Willkie, starting a two-day swing through northern Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, said today "in this country there is no such thing as the indispensable man."

Willkie made his remark to a crowd at Brighton, Col. He spoke from the rear platform of a train taking him to Cheyenne to attend a rodeo.

The Republican presidential nominee asserted "I know it was a series of circumstances" that caused him to be nominated.

"I know that there are thousands of men qualified for any position, public or private," he continued "there are many, many men who are qualified."

"In this country there is no such thing as the indispensable man. The very essence of democracy is that it develops the initiative and energies of men."

London, July 23.—(AP)—British dive bombers were reported today by the admiralty to have made an attack yesterday on the German seaplane base at Bergen, during which they sank an anti-aircraft ship, though hampered by adverse weather.

The attack on the Norwegian port was carried out just before dawn, the admiralty indicated, but because of poor visibility the raiders were unable to score hits on all of their objectives.

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Committee Passes Bill For Service

Compulsory Military Training Bill To Be Ready for Senate Action Next Week; Requires Registration of 42,000,000.

Washington, July 23.—(AP)—The Senate military committee gave its approval today to a comprehensive compulsory military training bill calling for registration of 42,000,000 men between 18 and 61 years of age.

Chairman Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, said the committee expected to work out all details of the training legislation tomorrow and have the bill ready for Senate action next week.

War Department spokesmen said the system contemplated actual military training to be limited to about 1,500,000 men between 21 and 30 years during the first year, selected from a group estimated to number 11,500,000.

Proposals for compulsory military training were criticized by Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, who said he questioned the necessity of peacetime conscription to fill the expanding ranks of the nation's armed forces.

Vandenberg also indicated he did not see eye to eye with War Department proposals for mobilizing the National Guard's 235,000 men if conscription is voted.

Bridgetown, Barbadoes, British West Indies, July 23.—(AP)—New evidence of German raider operations in the Caribbean appeared today with the landing of 17 survivors from a sunken freighter.

Forty-one other survivors reached Bridgetown last Saturday. The men said that some of the crewmen were taken aboard the raider.

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Sizzling temperatures that topped the 100-degree mark engulfed at least three points. At Rocky Mount the reading at 1 p. m. yesterday was 103, highest in the state, and Goldsboro, which reported a high mark of 102 degrees Sunday, continued to swelter. Goldsboro had a reading of 101 Monday.

Thermometers at Fayetteville registered 100 early yesterday afternoon. Raleigh reported a high of 99. Readings of 98 were reported from Charlotte, Concord, Winston-Salem and Henderson.



Fearful of German troops which might somehow gain a foothold in England, Great Britain is prepared for this eventuality. All signposts have been removed, practically every road has been blocked. This barbed wire barrier has been set up to block rapid movements of the invader. (Central Press)

Drive Begun By Nazis

Van Nuys, Adams And Wheeler To Vote For Roosevelt Again

Washington, July 23.—(AP)—Three Democratic senators who have opposed third term principle—Van Nuys of Indiana, Adams of Colorado and Wheeler of Montana—said today they nevertheless would vote for President Roosevelt again in November.

They disclosed their attitude in talking with reporters, Van Nuys adding that he was "afraid that the third term issue will be an important factor with many voters."

The Indianian added that he did not "approve of old line Democrats like himself walking out of the party. I think it's our function to stay in the party and restore it to its revered traditions and principles."

"I've always been a Democrat and I believe in majority rule," Senator Adams said. "The majority of the people of my state wanted President Roosevelt and I am their representative."

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Jenkins Sets 21 World's Speed Marks

Booneville Salt Flats, Utah.—(AP)—Bob Jenkins braked his Mopar Meteor to a stop here today, leaving behind him on the deeply rutted tracks of three saline race courses the shattered remnants of 21 world's speed records.

The Salt Lake City mayor flashed across the finish line of his 24-hour speed grind at 6:33 a. m. (m. s. t.) to complete his conquest of all the world's land speed records from 50 kilometers to 3,000 miles and from 1 hour to 24—most of them his own.

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The savings in interest together with a reduced tax valuation secured from the State board of assessment will "help greatly in putting the railroad's financial affairs on an improved basis," the governor said.

Dealings with H. P. Edwards, who has leased the railroad from the State-controlled corporation, "have been very satisfactory," the governor added.

Income Tax Rate Without Precedent

Income Tax of 42 1-2 Percent to Be Deducted From Wages; British Leadership Refrains From Notice of Hitler's Offer.

London, July 23.—(AP)—Great Britain's leadership increased the nation's income tax today to an unprecedented rate of 42 1/2 percent to help meet an emergency war budget equalling \$13,263,000,000.

The same leadership refrained, however, from further official notice of Adolf Hitler's peace bid and took every step in its power to fight to the last.

Perhaps the most startling thing about the staggering income tax is that it is to be deducted arbitrarily from the wages of England's men and women.

The emergency budget presented to the house of commons by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Kingsley Wood called for other drastic taxes and announced the government's intention of further restricting home consumption of a wide range of goods.

Winston Churchill, answering questions of members, said nothing whatsoever about Hitler's so-called "appeal to reason" made last Friday in his Reichstag speech.

Churchill declined to commit Britain on whether she would make reprisal raids on Rome and Berlin if London were bombed.

The prime minister mildly reproved conservative Oswald Lewis for asking that such raids be made, declaring: "If the answer were in the negative it would remove a deterrent upon the enemy. If it were in the affirmative, it might spur him to increase his preparations and add to the difficulties of our armistice. If it were non-committal, it would not add to the enlightenment of Mr. Lewis."

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British Give Shipping Loss

London, July 23.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that nine British merchant ships totaling 4,296 tons, four allied ships totaling 3,335 tons and six neutral ships totaling 29,741 tons were sunk by enemy action in the week ended July 14.

An authoritative source denied German charges of having sunk "an enormous total of merchant shipping" and said the Nazis had "purposely used vague terms" and mixed naval with merchant losses.

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