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Roosevelt Asks Guard Be Called

Fifteen Nazi Planes Shot Down In Fierce Battle Over England

Air Warfare Grows More Intense

British Announce Officially That 77 German Airmen Captured in Four Days; British Destroyer Admitted Sunk.

July 29.—(AP)—Eight German bombers and seven escorting fighters were shot down by Royal Air Force planes in a mighty battle over the southeastern harbor town of Dover, British ministry reported.

The British plane was lost, ministry said, "although several other aircraft were damaged during the engagement."

The ministry said its figures are based on reports so far received from the official total of 16th August. It reported a 16th August plane, a bomber, was shot down over the south of England during the night.

Official reports had placed the number of German planes shot down in the southeast at 15, in which at least 100 airmen, including 50 to 60 German pilots, participated.

The battle of Britain grew more intense in the air with each day. It was announced officially that 77 German airmen had been captured in the last four days of the assault.

Attacks were on the Germans to inland objectives. Dog fights occasionally separated areas.

At Cherbourg, France, German oil tankers were being bombed during the night and the Netherlands was attacked. It was reported that the British destroyer Wren, 1120 tons, was hit by a bomb during the night, and enemy aircraft and ships were shot down two enemy

Sign of Conquest



In the wake of the triumphant fighting forces of Adolf Hitler come these police who, in addition to mopping-up work, are engaged in changing street names to suit the Nazis. In the midst of shell-torn ruins, somewhere in France, a German trooper is putting up a sign more to his liking. (Central Press)

British Deny Jap Charges Of Spy Ring

British Government Also Calls For Full Investigation of Death of British Newspaperman, Said to Have Been Suicide.

Tokyo, July 29.—(AP)—Great Britain has demanded that Japan substantiate charges that a British "espionage network" is operating in Japan, it was reported by unimpeachable sources.

The British government also has called for a full investigation of the death of Melville James Cox, British newspaperman, who, the Japanese said, committed suicide yesterday while being questioned.

British authorities were said to be unwilling to accept as conclusive evidence a note purporting to indicate that Cox killed himself for fear of conviction of spying.

The foreign office disclosed that arrest of Britons Saturday were made by military police under the direction of prosecutors "as the first step" against an alleged "British espionage network covering the entire country."

Colorado Springs, July 29.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie said today that "the only Democrats who won't vote for me are those bound by regard for parties or controlled by the corrupt and nauseating party machine that dominates some major cities."

"I don't see why any Republican presidential nominee said, 'why a Democrat should not vote for me in preference to the President.'"

"I don't see why any Democrat who subscribes to the party platform of 1932, who subscribes to the historic principles of the party or who subscribes to the principles of Woodrow Wilson should not vote for me, not on the basis of personality but on the basis of what we believe and advocate."

Jap Peace Proposal Is Rejected

Chiang Kai-Shek Leads Successful Fight Against Acceptance of Settlement Largely at Expense of Third Powers.

Hongkong, July 29.—(AP)—Foreign markets close to the Chungking government asserted today that China had rejected unconditionally recent Japanese overtures to halt hostilities and conclude an all-embracing settlement between the two nations largely at the expense of third powers interests in eastern Asia.

These informants said the proposals included: 1.—Outright cession by China to Japan of five provinces.

2.—Recognition of Wang Ching-Wei, Japanese-sponsored puppet, as president of a Chinese republic made up of the remaining provinces and also British Burma, French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam) in which China and Japan would share economic opportunities.

3.—The status of Manchoukuo would be left in abeyance indefinitely. (Manchoukuo, carved out of China's former Manchurian provinces, is nominally independent but actually is entirely dominated by the occupying Japanese army.)

The Japanese proposals, these sources said, were conveyed to the Indo-China representative of Chinese Vice Premier H. H. King and then were transmitted to Chungking for consideration by the highest figures in the government and the Chinese nationalist party.

Chiang Kai-Shek himself led a successful fight against the acceptance.

Chamberlain To Hospital

London, July 29.—(AP)—Former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain entered a hospital today to undergo an operation.

The reason for the operation on the 71-year old lord president of the council was not made public, although persons close to him said he expected to be away from his office only about two weeks.

It was likely, however, they added, that he would be able to transact business before the end of that time.

Warren Asks Investigation

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—Charging that unnamed potato buyers and contractors were violating anti-trust laws, Representative Warren, Democrat, North Carolina, asked Attorney General Jackson today to conduct an investigation in North Carolina and Virginia.

Warren said he was "confident that the anti-trust laws were being constantly violated by price fixing and depression of the market during the digging season." Prices have been forced below cost of production, he added.

Rumania To Cede Land

Bucharest, July 29.—(AP)—The Rumanian government's willingness to cede quickly a narrow border strip of Transylvania to Hungary was indicated in official quarters today.

The government, it was said authoritatively, will propose that Hungary, which claims Transylvania as historic Magyar soil, content herself with the cities of Satu-Marc, Oradea, and Arad and their environs and agree to an exchange of populations in other districts.

This report followed a meeting between King Carol II and his premier and foreign minister this morning almost as soon as they returned from visiting the Rome-Berlin axis leaders in Salzburg and Rome.

In addition, events for which no definite dates have yet been announced, but which will be staged sometime in August include: Men's golf tournament, Blowing Rock; "Opera Under the Stars", Asheville.

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Studied by Army and Navy



First showing of the new PA-36 autogiro is staged at Pitcairn Field, Harbor, Pa., for benefit of army and navy observers. Pictured soaring over a ribbon hazard, the machine can rise vertically, needs no runway.

'Act Of Havana' To Be Adopted Today

Carolinian Death Toll From Heat Rises To Seven

(By The Associated Press.) The death toll directly attributed to the current heat wave in the Carolinas rose to seven today and the weatherman predicted "continued warm" as the two states continued to swelter in nearly 100-degree weather.

A Barnwell county, South Carolina, Negro's death was attributed to heat prostration, the second in that state.

North Carolina previously reported three deaths from prostrations and one drowning during the eleven-day hot spell.

With the mercury up to 89 at Raleigh at 9:30 o'clock today, H. F. Kichline, government weather observer, predicted a record set in July, 1932, when the temperature was 99 or higher eleven days in succession, would be equalled today and possibly broken tomorrow.

Raleigh readings yesterday were the highest reported in the Carolinas, 102 degrees at the weather bureau and even hotter at the airport.

The summer's most extensive heat wave held its grip on a major portion of the nation. An Associated Press tabulation showed that 363 persons succumbed from heat prostrations and 225 drownings were reported.

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Old Line Democrats Regret "Two-Thirds Rule" Change

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, July 29.—As gloomy a face as there is on Capitol Hill, with congress getting back to work after the Chicago convention, is the visage of Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri.

Not only did the Democrats do what he didn't want them to do, in session in the Windy City, but he was mainly responsible for their ability to do what they did do.

Senator Clark, as is well known, is a strenuous anti-New Dealer. He also was an anti-third term. Furthermore, he was opposed to the vice-presidential nomination of Henry A. Wallace, on the ground that he's a Republican.

Now for a glance backward into history. Until quite recent years there prevailed at Democratic national conventions what was known as the "two-thirds rule." That is to say, two-thirds of the delegates had to vote for presidential and vice-presidential aspirants in order to nominate them.

Senator Clark didn't like this rule.

FDR Says Security Demands Call

Draft of Legislation Accompanying Letter to Senate Specifically Limits Training Period For Guard to One Year.

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, saying he was "now convinced that the security of the nation" demanded it, asked Congress today to let him order the National Guard and the Officers Reserve Corps into "intensive training."

"I cannot with clear conscience longer postpone this vitally essential step," the President said in a letter read to the Senate.

"This group of men, who of necessity must be among the first to fight in the nation's defense, have a right to the best preparation that time and circumstances permit," he added, after noting that "we know too well the tragedy that ensues when inadequately trained men are assailed by a more skillful adversary."

While the President did not mention in his letter any specific period of active training for the Guard, the draft of accompanying legislation would specifically limit such training to one year.

The extraordinary authority which would be given the President would expire June 30, 1942 under terms of the proposed measure. Service of the Guardsmen would be limited to the western hemisphere except for possessions of the United States and the Philippines.

Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky said the bill as submitted by the President probably would be submitted by Chairman Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, of the military affairs committee.

Conscription Debate May Be Delayed

Washington, July 29.—(AP)—A delay in congressional debate on peacetime conscription appeared likely in view of "compromise" talks designed to avert a still floor fight.

While John L. Lewis, CIO president, and Senator Tamm, Republican, Ohio, joined the opposition to compulsory military training, Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, the majority leader, said he favored giving members time to study the issue.

Barkley made it clear he personally approved some sort of a conscription program, but his comment raised the possibility that the senate might not take up on Wednesday the Burke-Wadsworth bill as originally planned.

In the House, influential Democrats said they wanted to "make haste slowly" with the manpower phase of the defense program. The House military committee will resume hearing tomorrow on the conscription legislation with Secretary of War Stimson as a witness some time this week.

Abernethy Case Pending Statement

Raleigh, July 29.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan withdrew until at least tomorrow revealing what he plans to do about the allegations that Charles L. Abernethy, Jr., of New Bern, was involved in irregularities before the May 25 Democratic primary.

McMullan planned to reveal his course of action this morning but received a telegram from Abernethy asking that he await a statement about the matter. The attorney general said that he would wait until tomorrow but that time granted Abernethy to file his side of the case expired last week.

W. A. Lucas of Wilson, state election board chairman, said after an investigation in May that he found Abernethy in possession of three confidential ballot lists. New ballots were printed and used. Abernethy was an unsuccessful congressional candidate.

Roosevelt At Norfolk For Inspection

Norfolk, July 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt inspected the Navy's largest coast guard base and the Norfolk Navy Yard today, picking up first hand information on a vital portion of the nation's defense system and commending the "splendid work" he saw underway.

Disembarking from his yacht which had brought him from Washington, the President stopped first at the Navy Yard where \$50,000,000 has been spent and 4,400 workers added since last September.

A 15-mile drive took him to the naval operating base, the headquarters of the fifth naval district and a major supply and operating base for Atlantic units of the fleet.

BURNS TO DEATH

Wilson, July 29.—(AP)—Charles Rollins, a Negro, was burned to death last night when lightning set fire to a tobacco barn near the Wilson-Nash county line.

North Carolina Offers A Varied Program For August

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 29.—North Carolina's entertainment program for August is as varied and colorful as a Scotchman's plaid.

There will be street shooting, horse showing, operatic performances in the open air, the rounding up of wild ponies, water carnivals, puppy shows, checker championships, bridge tournament, a Mozart musical festival, a state tennis championship tourney and, of course, quite a wide choice of business and fraternal conventions of one sort or another.

Naturally, with the thermometer likely to soar into the high nineties at almost any time, most of the August events are scheduled for the resort sections—the mountains of the west or the beaches of the east.

There's a rough idea of some of the more interesting events on tap for Tar Heels next month.

August 2—Annual Jubilee, Blowing Rock.
3—Horse Show, Blowing Rock.
4—Western Carolina Air Show and Races, Meyer Field, Hendersonville.
4—Bobby Jones Exhibition Golf Match, Highlands.
5—(and every other Monday): Square Dance, Bryson City.
5—19—Western Carolina's Florida Visitors Shuttleboard Tournament, Hendersonville.
7—"Opera Under the Stars", Asheville.

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Dr. Poe Is Indorsed

July 29.—(AP)—The board of Agriculture unanimously indorsed Dr. Clarence Poe of Henderson for the post of secretary of the state when Henry A. Wallace is to campaign for party.

Editor of The Progress-Record is nationally recognized as a progressive leader.

Army Plans Huge Planes

July 29.—(AP)—The Army disclosed today that it plans to build the future planes to be as large as its present bombers.

Each big enough to hold a crew of 10 and as high as a 10-story building, they may not be flying in five or ten years but they are practical, they say, and you built them the way they are, "one engineer at a time."

They are now completing at Dayton, Ohio, a power plant designed to test engines of horsepower.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

Canadians In England

Ottawa, Canada, July 29.—(AP)—Defense Minister Ralston told the house of commons today "the front line of the war is the island fortress of the British Isles" and Canada will shortly have a corps of two complete divisions and artillery troops in that front line.

Outlining Canada's military program he expressed belief that "it would not serve the common cause at this time" to send more troops to England.

"It must be remembered that there is at the moment no shortage of manpower in England," he said. "The real demand is for equipment."