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All Britain Made Defense Area

Roosevelt To Name Defense Board Members At Once

Still "Thumbs Up" After Raid



The British censor-approved caption says these are "smiling Croydon girls wearing bandages" after a Nazi bombing raid on the London suburb. The girls are giving the R. A. F. a "thumbs up" signal, which means everything is all right. The girls obviously didn't heed the air raid warning to seek shelter during the raid. Photo cabled from London to New York.

Joint Board With Canada To Be Set Up

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada reach agreement to create mutual defense board.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt initiated conversations with State, War and Navy Department officials by telephone today to get their suggestions for naming American members to a joint Canadian-American defense board which he hopes will be set up by Thursday.

An agreement to create the board was reached yesterday at a conference at Ogdensburg, N. Y., between the President and Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada.

White House officials said the Chief Executive hopes the board's first meeting, to consider mutual defense problems of the two nations, could be held early next week.

The place for the meeting has not yet been disclosed. A presidential aide said, however, that was not important since subsequent meetings would be held both in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt had no callers today, the temporary White House said, but arranged to make a brief talk tonight to his Dutchess county neighbors over a single local radio station.

The talk was described as intended to be entirely of local interest.

Originally, Mr. Roosevelt had arranged to make the address last June, but had to cancel the engagement.

A joint statement issued after the meeting between the President and Mr. Mackenzie King yesterday said:

"The Prime minister and the President have discussed the mutual problems of defense of Canada and the United States.

"It has been agreed that a permanent joint board on defense shall be set up at once by the two countries.

"This permanent joint board on defense shall commence immediately studies relating to sea, land and air

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Army Fliers Die In Crash

Ruffon, La., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Two officers and two enlisted men were killed instantly when an Army bombing plane crashed, exploded and burned in an open field seven miles west of here, during an electrical storm.

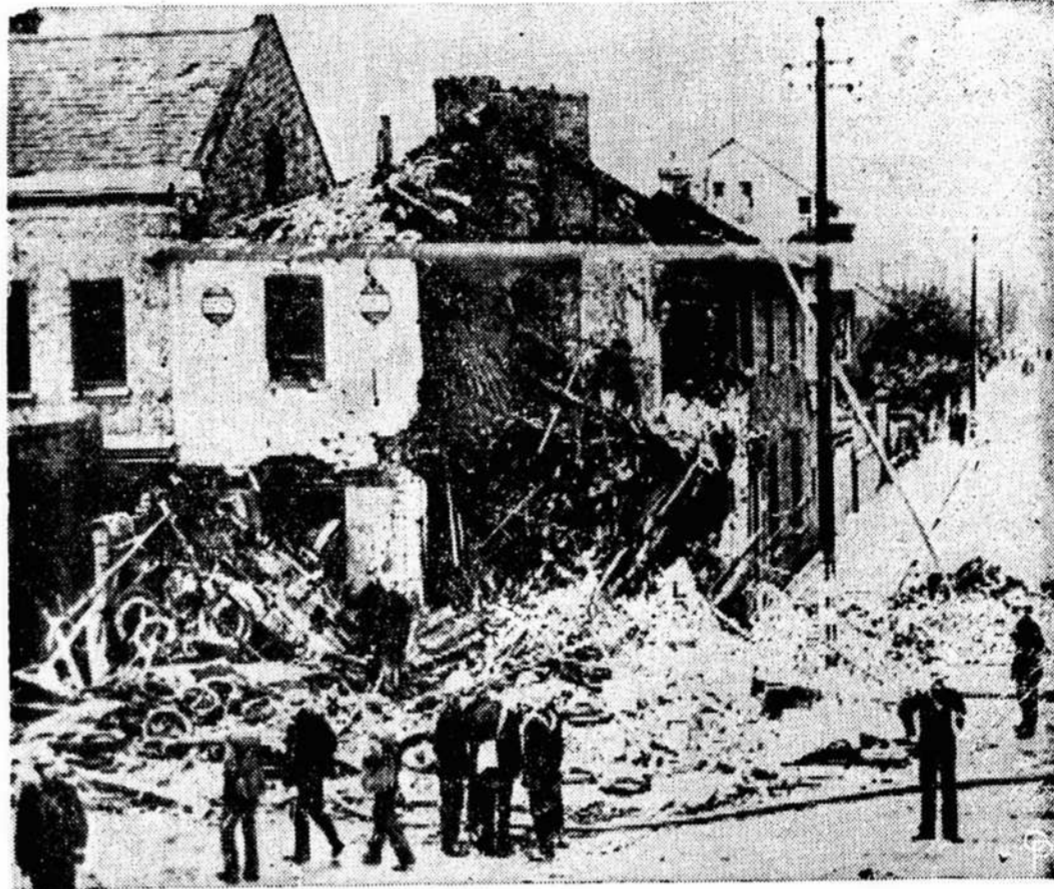
Apparently the pilot had tried to land the B-12 bomber at Arcadia, 17 miles west of here, but failed because the storm had disabled the lighting system of an emergency landing field here.

The dead: Second Lieutenant James H. Griffin, 27, of Asheville, N. C., the pilot. First Lieutenant Hubert Elders, 33, of Columbia, S. C.

Private E. E. Quinker of Valdosta, Ga. Private Samuel Johnston of Eberston, Ga.

All four were based at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La. They left there Saturday afternoon on a routine training flight to Asheville and were on their way back last night.

After German Airmen Visited London



C. P. Cablephoto

A demolished house in London is pictured after it had been struck by a bomb during a Nazi air raid. Firemen are extinguishing the flames. Photo cabled to New York from London.

Island Is Prepared To Defend Soil

Germans Believed Nearing Zero Hour for Attempted Invasion of England; The British Planes Raid Coast of France.

London, Aug. 19.—(AP)—All of Britain was made a defense area today as the nation, already fighting in history's greatest air battle, got set for a life or death struggle to defend its soil.

With the Germans apparently nearing the zero hour for their attempt to smash Britain into submission by direct invasion, the British launched a thunderous attack against the Nazi-held French coast and claimed their fighters were parrying Nazi air blows with an increasingly favorable advantage.

The order to make the isles a defense area subject at a moment's notice to drastic edicts by closely cooperating civil and military authorities was issued as a "precautionary measure" by the ministry of home security.

Regional commissioners for England, Wales and Scotland will have authority "subject to control and direct of the ministry of home security" to issue directions or orders required for the purposes of defense within their respective areas.

Although there was no immediate restriction of Britain, the new order authorized "any measures which might become urgently necessary through enemy landing by air or sea to be introduced without delay in any part of the country in which they are required."

Defenders Of Berbera Said Retreating

Rome, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Italian troops have broken the second British defense line outside the port of Berbera in British Somaliland and the defenders are retreating to their ships, the high command announced today.

Today's communique said an Italian column had captured La Faruk and pressed on beyond it.

It said the troops were in pursuit of the British, whose retreat was

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Nazis Scout British Air

Reconnaissance Planes Check Up On Effects of German Air Siege of England.

Berlin, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Nazi air scouts were reported ranging the British coast today as Germany multiplied signs that she was getting ready to try a decisive blow against Britain.

Two British planes were shot down near Ramsgate at the mouth of the Thames estuary and a third was seen falling in flames to the sea, DNB, official German news agency reported.

But the air fighting was apparently minor as the German fliers carried out what was described as "armed reconnaissance" to check up on the effect of their air siege and presumably to search for new targets.

German planes accompanied by fighters were able to take photographs at low altitude over southern England with little hindrance, DNB declared.

British Spitfires tried to form a barrier to the German planes, DNB said but only in a few instances were able to engage the "min battle."

Defense Bill Is Approved

Senate Appropriations Committee Approves Measure For Army and Navy Funds.

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Senate appropriations committee approved today a \$5,938,169,277 appropriations bill providing funds for the beginning of construction of a "two-ocean" navy and for equipping an army of 1,200,000 men.

The committee acted while on the Senate floor there began another week of sharp debate on the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill.

Differences between Senate and House drafts of legislation authorizing mobilization of the National Guard delayed final congressional action on that measure.

Despite Wendell L. Willkie's endorsement of "some form of selective service," anti-conscription forces were confident that the Senate would vote to defer a draft until the new year instead of approving the Burke-Wadsworth bill.

GOP Chiefs Are Worried

Old Guardsmen Fear Willkie May Prove Unmanageable; Inexperience Is Cited

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 19.—Chairman Joseph Y. Martin opened his Republican national committee's headquarters in Washington a few days ago and did it in very enthusiastic style.

The fact remains, however, that experienced G. O. P. workers are considerably disorganized. It's been thoroughly advertised that the Democrats are badly split up. The Republicans have been publicized as absolutely solid. The truth is that their party's managerial group isn't as sure of itself as it pretends to be. It isn't exactly split, but it's uncertain.

To begin with, who's running Wendell Willkie's campaign? Ostensibly it's Joe Martin, but some of the insiders suspect that Owen Root, Jr., really is the boss of it.

Now, if it's Joe Martin it's all right with the old-time Republican politicians. They have unlimited

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British Withdraw From Somaliland

London, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The war office announced tonight that the British had withdrawn from Somaliland.

The announcement said the withdrawal was decided upon as an alternative to reinforcing the British garrison there with reserves who would be of greater use in places more important to the prosecution of the war.

"All guns except two lost in the early stages of the action have been embarked," the announcement said. "A great part of the material stores has also been evacuated and the remainder destroyed. Our wounded have been safely brought away."

Clark Says Bullitt Speech Near Treason

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Senator Clark, Democrat, Idaho, told the Senate today that the address of Ambassador William C. Bullitt, predicting a German attack on the United States if Great Britain is defeated, was "very little short of treason."

Bullitt's speech, Clark added, amounted to "an appeal to the American people to go into an unprovoked foreign war now for which he says they are not prepared."

This, he asserted, "comes mighty, mighty close to being false to the republic which puts him where he is."

Bullitt, ambassador to France, made the address yesterday in Philadelphia. He asked adoption of conscription and supported aid for the British fleet.

Mrs. Dale Denies Charge

Charlotte, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Frank E. Dale denied under cross examination in superior court here today State charges that she had defrauded Rufus Bryant of near Clinton by producing an adopted baby and leading him to believe she had borne it by him.

Mrs. Dale, her husband and Dr. W. E. Wishart, Charlotte physician, went on trial last week on an indictment alleging that they conspired to deceive Bryant and that the farmer had paid the woman various sums of money and bought her a home here.

Henry F. Fisher, assistant solicitor, drew from the 90-pound Mrs. Dale, who admitted using the name Rene Duffy when she met Bryant in a hotel, a statement that her husband's true name was James F. Saunders.

She testified she married him first in Covington, Ky., under his correct name and later married him again at York, S. C., under the name of Frank E. Dale.

Wickard To Cabinet Post

Indianian, Former Undersecretary of Agriculture, Named to Succeed Wallace.

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Claude E. Wickard, Indiana farmer, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to succeed Henry A. Wallace, Democratic vice presidential nominee, as secretary of agriculture.

Since last winter Wickard has been undersecretary of agriculture.

Mr. Roosevelt also sent to the Senate the nomination of Paul Appleby of Maryland to succeed Wickard as undersecretary. Appleby has served as an assistant to Wallace since 1933.

Wallace's resignation, effective September 5, was announced in an exchange of letters released today. On that date, Wallace said he probably would begin active campaigning as Mr. Roosevelt's running mate.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said Wickard was promoted because of President Roosevelt's desire to have the Agriculture department directed by someone from within its own organization.

Wickard is the operator of a large farm in Indiana which specializes in the production of corn and hogs.

He came to the department several years ago as a lesser official in the AAA.

Senate Passes Bill Permitting Rescue Ships

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Senate approved unanimously today legislation to permit American ships to remove child refugees from war zones.

The bill had already passed the House and now goes back to that body for action on minor Senate amendments.

As passed by the Senate, the bill would permit unarmed, and unconvoyed American vessels to transport from war zones children under 16 years of age provided safe passage was promised by belligerents. Heretofore American vessels have been barred by United States law from visiting war zones.

Every child brought to this country would be required to be sponsored by some American person or corporation so that he would not become a public charge.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Tuesday fair and cooler.

Flood Waters At Weldon Receding

At Least Four Dead, Hundreds Homeless and Thousands Are Thrown Out of Employment in Roanoke River's Greatest Flood

Roanoke Rapids, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Flood waters of the Roanoke river, swollen to unprecedented proportions by recent heavy rains, rolled seaward today leaving at least four dead, hundreds homeless, and thousands thrown out of employment in this section.

After reaching a record crest of 58 feet at Weldon, the river was reported falling rapidly there today. But farther down its course the muddy flood surged over lowlands, inundating crops and threatening highways.

Red Cross workers joined federal and state relief agencies in evacuating those in danger and caring for the homeless.

One death in the vicinity of Weldon was attributed to flooded conditions. Willie Forsythe, 13-year-old Neuse, drowned yesterday while swimming in the muddy backwaters of a creek at Black Creek.

The Roanoke weather bureau said the Roanoke at Weldon was 56.5 feet this morning, 21.5 in flood. A moderate overflow was predicted for Wednesday by Thursday.

At Goldsboro the Neuse was slightly over two feet over its bank and was expected to go seven over by Thursday. At Kinston a four-foot flood was forecast by Saturday.

At Tallahassee the Tar river was nearly 17 feet in flood with a 12-foot overflow expected tomorrow. At Greenville the stream was 18.6 feet in flood, and was expected to be 19 feet over its banks by Wednesday.

Flynn Flays Willkie Bid

Describes Candidate's Challenge to Roosevelt as "Cheap Publicity Stunt."

New York, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie's suggestion that President Roosevelt meet him in debate at the Democratic National Convention in Cleveland today was a "cheap publicity stunt," Flynn today said.

Flynn's first press conference was presided over by James A. Farley

Two Men Killed In Plane Crash

Canton, N. C., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Two young men were killed in the crash of their airplane atop Beaver Dam mountain, eight miles north of here, today.

They were identified as Donald Philip Letourneau, 19, and Alton Vance Morrison, 23, both of Toccoa Falls Institute in Georgia.

State Highway Patrolman J. A. Sullinas said several witnesses saw the plane go into a nose dive but were unable to explain why it did.

Border Belt Forecasts Good Prices

(By the Associated Press)
Millions of pounds of tobacco were carried to the 16 Border Belt markets today while farmers, buyers and warehousemen alike predicted that opening prices tomorrow would be satisfactory.

Farmers were pleased over prices paid at the start of the south Georgia sales season, while farm specialists said that prices would be bolstered by a short crop and the recently voted three-year control program.

Most of the sales supervisors believed that prices would exceed the 15.6-cent average of last season. Yet from at least one market came word that the offerings were poor and that opening prices would be low.

Several markets, particularly in South Carolina, reported that growers had experienced difficulty in preparing and getting their weed to market because of last week's heavy rains.

New Democratic Campaign Crew Clears Decks For Drive In North Carolina

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—The Democratic party has put a new crew in charge of its campaign machinery and is now ready to open vigorously its campaign to insure the normal majorities for the national, state and county tickets.

A clean sweep, from constable to

president, is the objective; and there are no signs of unusually heavy storm clouds on the political horizon.

Everywhere it is conceded that in some of the counties, notably such industrial strongholds as Guilford, Gaston, Mecklenburg, etc., there is going to be considerable disaffection

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