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FDR Greets New Farm Secretary



President Roosevelt congratulates Claude Wickard upon being sworn in as Secretary of Agriculture in Washington. Wickard succeeds Henry A. Wallace, who resigned to campaign for the vice presidency on the Democratic ticket. This is a phonograph.

Waves Of German Bombers In Raids

Mightier-Than-Ever Offensive Seems Designed To Wear Down Royal Air Force and Prepare for Invasion of Britain.

House Refuses To Change Age For Draft Bill

Washington, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The House refused twice today to change the registration age limit of 21 to 44 inclusive in the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill.

On a voice vote, Representative Rees, Republican, Kansas, lost in an effort to broaden the spread to include men from 21 to 54 inclusive, and Representative Anderson, Democrat, Missouri, was defeated 161 to 47 in an attempt to make the brackets conform to the Senate figures of 21 to 30 inclusive.

Rees argued that "men are just as fit at 35 as they are 45" and said that if responsibility of military service was to be shared equally "you might as well include another 10,000,000 men up to 55."

Nazis Claim Heavy Toll Of British Planes

Berlin, Sept. 6.—(AP)—German sources reported tonight that 50 British planes had been destroyed in today's battles over Britain, while German losses were 14 planes.

The Germans said two formations of Nazi planes bombed hangars and airfield works at Henley and Weybridge.

Four hangars and ten planes were said to have been hit by bombs, while at Henley hits were scored on runways.

Bombers set off an explosion in a plant at Birkenhead which could be heard and felt by airmen nearly three miles overhead, authorized sources said.

Reconnaissance planes hovering over Liverpool after an attack reported that a gas works, a warehouse, and a factory were downed.

Cooperation In Defense

President Roosevelt Says Costa Rica and Ecuador Are Cooperating With U. S.

Reorganization Of Utility Commission Would Not Be Entirely Political Move

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

Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Whenever there is talk of the reorganization or shifting of any agency of the State government, it is immediately set down to "politics," and there's no chance to deny that in almost every case the point is well-taken.

There has of late been more or less general discussion of a reorganization of the Utility Commission so as to change the present setup from a one-man full time plus three part time to one having three

full-time commissioners in the department.

Usually the reason assigned for this proposed setup is that next-Governor J. M. Broughton will want to reward two of his most faithful supporters with good political plums; your Raleigh reporter would be the last to deny that such an opportunity has occurred to Mr. Broughton and his advisers, but he is prepared to state flatly that the proposal was being seriously considered in several quarters even before the gubernatorial election.

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized, however, that there were no negotiations

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A LITTLE FORTY MEMORIAL
HENDERSON, N. C.

King Carol Abdicates

ROOSEVELT RENEWS HIS PLEAS FOR SPEEDUP IN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

President Declines Comment, However, on House Vote to Delay Draft for Sixty-Day Period of Volunteer Recruiting.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt renewed today his plea for speedy Congressional action on conscription and the defense tax and appropriations bills, but declined to comment on the House vote to delay actual drafting of men for a 60-day period of volunteer recruiting.

Asked at a press conference to comment on the House action, subject to another vote before the bill is finally acted upon, the Chief Executive said he could not comment on any of the three major bills pending except to say *tempus fugit* (time flies).

The excess profits tax bill now is pending before the Senate finance committee. The \$5,250,000,000 emergency defense appropriation bill awaits final Senate action before going to the White House.

Mr. Roosevelt added that the quicker the three bills go through the quicker the government will step up the national defense program.

Rudely jolted by their temporary failure to block a postponement of the draft, House conscription leaders rallied their surprised forces today to stave off moves for the modification of the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill.

The unexpected reversal occurred late yesterday when the House voted 183 to 155 to defer the inauguration of conscription for 60 days while an effort was made to obtain 400,000 recruits for the Army for one-year voluntary enlistments.

Despite this setback, those in the conscription ranks insisted that the Burke-Wadsworth bill was in no danger of eventual defeat, and opponents of the measure did not dispute them. Moreover, indications were that conscription leaders might seek to reverse yesterday's action.

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Japan Rejects British, U. S. Statements

Tokyo, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The newspaper Kokumin reported today that a meeting of key cabinet ministers had decided to reject official statements of the United States and Great Britain calling Japan's attention to their interest in maintenance of the status quo in Indo-China.

Kokumin, considered an organ of the dominant army faction, said the decision had been reached by Premier Prince Konoye and the foreign, war and navy ministers.

Some well informed quarters had believed Japan merely would ignore the British and American statements.

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Excess Profits Tax Changes Reported

Willkie Favors Conscription Of Industries

Senate Committee Said To Have Voted To Restrict Application of Tax; Bill Not Expected To Go To Senate This Week.

Rushville, Ind., Sept. 6.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie is on record as favoring a "selective service" program for government operation of American industries during emergencies.

After a meeting with party leaders which he described as harmonious and optimistic, the Republican presidential nominee told reporters late yesterday:

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Child Killed In Accident

New Bern, Sept. 6.—(AP)—David Grantham, Jr., 11, is dead and a man booked as David Tilghman of Kinston is in jail in default of \$400 bond on a liquor charge as the result of an accident on the Morehead City highway three miles east of New Bern yesterday afternoon.

Highway Patrolman G. C. Bissette said Tilghman also was charged with hit and run driving.

The child was fatally injured by a car Bissette said was driven by Tilghman. The officer also said the driver failed to stop but later returned to the scene of the accident.

Alcoholic tax unit and county officers tax a cache of seven cases bootleg liquor which they accused Tilghman of unloading from his car.

Bonner Is Nominated

Selection of Bonner Made Unanimously by Congressional Committee Today.

Edenton, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The First District Congressional committee today unanimously nominated Herbert Bonner to fill the term of Lindsay Warren, representative in Congress of the First Congressional District, who will resign to become United States comptroller general.

Dudley Bagley of Currituck, made the nomination, saying "seldom have the people had a chance to elect a man so well trained in the very office he is to assume".

Bagley then pointed out that "one town in this district" asked for a primary. He said that "an action being taken was under the laws of North Carolina and the plan of organization of the Democratic party."

W. I. Bissette of Pitt County, acting "under orders" from the people of Pitt County, nominated Colonel E. G. Flanagan.

Mayor Jerome B. Flora of Elizabeth City, who was elected chairman of the committee succeeding Bonner, ruled Bissette's nomination out of order because there was no second heard.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with mild temperatures.

Strong Man



Gen. Ion Antonescu

Premier General Ion Antonescu rises to a position of supreme power in the strife-torn Balkan kingdom of Rumania with the abdication of King Carol II and the succession of the 18-year old Crown Prince Mihai to the throne. The new premier is an extreme nationalist, and the government of Rumania is expected to be a virtual dictatorship under his premiership.

To the handsome new king, General Antonescu pledged his fealty and at the conclusion of the oath-taking ceremony, while disorder still raged in the capital, he shook hands with the new monarch and said grimly:

"Sir, a prayer to God to help your majesty and me."

The 46-year old ex-king, toppled from his throne by popular indignation over the cession of great areas of Rumanian territory to Russia and Hungary, was expected to join Madame Magda Lupescu, his red-haired Jewish friend, in exile.

Madame Lupescu, for whom Carol renounced his throne in 1925, was reported waiting for him aboard a royal yacht at the Black sea port of Constanta.

Amid this swift moving drama in the Balkans, London's eight million residents underwent a series of air raid alarms—one lasting seven hours and 33 minutes, the longest of the war—and the royal air force fought desperately to smash great waves of German raiders.

Berlin's four million were driven into underground shelters for the third successive morning, but authoritative quarters said British squadrons which touched off the alarm were turned back by anti-aircraft defenses before penetrating the city's defenses.

At least a dozen big air battles raged over England during the forenoon as waves of German bombers escorted by fighters thundered over the southeast coast.

RAF bombers again attacked the Turin industrial region in northern Italy during the night, Mussolini's high command said, inflicting "damage of some importance" and setting fires.

An Italian communiqué also reported that fascist dive bombers attacked British gasoline depots at the Suez canal and destroyed a fort at Britain's Mediterranean base of Malta.

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