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LONDON COUNTS TOLL OF TWO-DAY RAIDS

Roosevelt Signs \$5,251,486,392 Defense Fund Bill

Money Bills New Total 15 Billions

Appropriation Measure Provides Funds For Equipping Army of Two Million Men and to Start Two-Ocean Navy.

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a \$5,251,486,392 appropriation bill, carrying the total defense appropriations to help provide vital equipment for the two million fighting men and expedite construction of a two-ocean navy.

The largest defense appropriation since World War I, the measure shows the commitments at the current congressional session passed the \$5,251,486,392 mark.

In addition to money for critical equipment for an expanding Army, the bill applied funds to start work on the fleet of the 200 warships for a two-ocean navy and for 13,422 Army transport planes.

The measure, largest single money bill in the nation's peacetime history, provides for its broad objectives: 1.—Complete the total equipment program for the Army and 1,200,000 pieces of equipment.

2.—Purchase reserve stocks of tanks, anti-aircraft, ammunition and similar items, which require a long time to manufacture, for an additional 500,000 men.

3.—Purchase 13,394 more warplanes for the Army and 4,028 for the Navy. 4.—Purchase those on hand and approved to build the two forces to a total of 25,000 planes of all types.

5.—Start work to start on the majority of the 200 warships projected for the 70 per cent naval expansion program destined to create the two-ocean fleet.

6.—Purchase approximately \$472,000,000 of new plant facilities, government and private, for the production of defense material.

Italians Raid Alexandria

Alexandria, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A group of Italian bombers raided Alexandria during an attack of two days early today and repeatedly dropped explosives in an effort to hit the concentration of British warships.

The anti-aircraft and searchlight batteries drove off the attack. One person was killed and several wounded in the attacks, the casualties including women and children of the city.

Yugoslavia Has Riots

Communist Uprisings Result in Two Deaths and Injuries to Five Officers.

Belgrade, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Disorderly rioting broke out today in Yugoslavia as a result of Communist demonstrations. Two persons were killed and a policeman and several others wounded in a riot on the outskirts of the capital last night.

The rioting occurred when police broke up a mass meeting of Communist workers and students. Several persons were reported.

Yesterday ten persons were seriously wounded in a demonstration at Zagreb. Twenty persons were arrested. Other persons took place at Split, where several were arrested.

The riots were part of a series of Communist demonstrations in Yugoslavia and Soviet Russia. The government for assistance toward the Rome-

Record Breaker



Gladys Swarthout

Gladys Swarthout, Metropolitan opera star, holds the coveted Hollywood Bowl cup awarded her for breaking the season's attendance record when she sang the title role in "Carmen." The largest audience ever to attend outdoor opera turned out for the performance, with 24,019 paid admissions.

Canal Zone Strike Ends

Hundreds of Laborers Return to Work on Defense Project at Panama Canal.

Balboa, Canal Zone, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A strike at the Gatun Locks defense projects appeared ended today as hundreds of laborers returned to work.

A few demonstrators among native Panamanians and West Indians remained out but officials said they expected they would be back at their jobs tomorrow.

The strike began last Thursday when about half of the 1,200 workers demanded better food and living conditions and pay increases from 18 to 20 cents an hour to 30 cents for laborers and from 24 to 25 cents for artisans.

British Troops To East Front

Cairo, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Thousands of fresh British troops under full pack moved into fighting fronts "somewhere in the middle east" today.

The reinforcements, which include many Australian airmen, hundreds of nurses from Scotland and England, and several hundred navy and Royal Air Force flyers, landed at an Egyptian port yesterday from the largest convoy ever to reach Egypt.

Officials declined to disclose the exact number of troops disembarked saying only that there were "several thousands."

Most of the men fought in France before Dunkerque. The troops left in two fifteen-car trains soon after landing, for duty in Egypt and Palestine.

Two Tried On Arson Charge

Lumberton, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Ben G. Floyd, former assistant superintendent of public instruction and board secretary of the elections board in Robeson county, and Andrew Smith, county carpenter, went on trial today charged with burning the Liberty school building July 11.

Floyd and Smith were arrested several days after the fire on warrants sworn out by Charles F. Lewis of Raleigh, assistant insurance commissioner.

The state passed the jury quickly, exhausting three of its eight challenges. Defense attorneys began questioning the jury immediately and it appeared the selection of jurors would be completed today.

200 FIGHTING SHIPS ORDERED FOR U. S. NAVY

British Patrol Enters Ethiopia

Cairo, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A British patrol has entered Italian-occupied Ethiopia from Kenya colony and advanced as far as Gorai, a British communique said today. Gorai is about 15 miles over the Kenya border and 100 miles east of Lake Rudolf at the northeastern corner of Kenya.

Liquor In Fifth Column

Babson Cites Effect in France, Asks Hearing For Dry Forces in America.

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass., Sept. 9.—When touring the Orient about a year ago, repeatedly I ran into sinister rumors. These may or may not be substantiated. It was whispered that certain Japanese military leaders wanted to further the destruction of China by promoting the use of narcotics among the Chinese. I was reminded of a proverb, current among ancient peoples, to the effect that "anyone whom the gods want to destroy, they first drive mad." That pagan proverb may be dubious theology; but is an excellent description of the modern technique of ruthless aggression.

When I was last in France, I was fearful of the spread of the liquor habit among the population of the nation. Evidence now is piling up to show that the downfall of that "invincible" people was an inside job. Germany burrowed from within. Internal and spiritual sapping of her foe were among the Reich's "secret weapons." Plotting to overthrow France at minimum costs, the Nazis schemed that the vulnerable spot of this Achilles was not the heel, but the gut!

Bottles may be cheaper than bullets. Inner degeneration of the enemy appears to have been the favorite German "preparation," far in advance of any preparatory barrage laid down by the artillery. Petain confessed as much at the hour of collapse. You remember his tragic broadcast acknowledging that the French had been overcome primarily because they had preferred indulgence to patriotism. A further angle of this same truth now has been disclosed implicitly in the recent action of the new French government. It has put a ban on hard liquors.

The mobilization that followed the first outbreak of war drifted into a prolonged period of inactivity. During these months of relative idleness, it is believed, some of the troops of France over-indulged in alcohol. The same evil may have assailed elements of the industrial popula-

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Planes Sent To Puerto Rico

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The War Department moved today to strengthen the aerial defense of the Panama Canal by ordering two groups of the air corps to be stationed permanently at the new base in Puerto Rico.

Medium and long range bomber and reconnaissance planes stationed on the Caribbean island will be in a position to watch over hundreds of miles of Atlantic approaches to the canal.

War Department officials said that the 24th air base group (less detachments already in Puerto Rico) would go to the outpost from its present station at Kelly Field, Tex., and that the 25th bombardment group would be transferred to Puerto Rico from its present station at Langley Field, Va.

Greatest Fleet of Warships Ever Put Under Contract at One Time Ordered Today to Provide Two-Ocean Navy.

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The greatest fleet of fighting ships ever put under contract at one time, including seven mighty 45,000 ton battleships and eight aircraft carriers, was ordered today by the Navy immediately after President Roosevelt signed the \$5,251,000,000 defense appropriation bill.

Contracts were let for 200 fighting ships and one repair vessel to cost a total of \$3,861,053,312. In addition to the battleships, costing approximately \$100,000,000, and the plane carriers at \$47,000,000 each, other vessels ordered and the approximate unit cost were 27 cruisers, \$30,000,000; 115 destroyers, \$8,100,000; 43 submarines, \$6,000,000; and the repair ship of unannounced cost.

At the capital Chairman Vinson of the naval committee announced in the House that the seven new \$1,000,000 battleships would be of the 45,000 class. Five of that type, 10,000 tons greater, than the largest capital ships of the present fleet, already were building.

The construction program is designed to give the United States a "two-ocean" navy of approximately 650 ships in 1945, 1946 or 1947, depending upon the time found necessary to complete the building.

Compromise Excess Profits Bill Reached

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Senate finance committee approved today, 15 to 4, a compromise substitute for sections of the House-approved excess profits tax bill, which have been in dispute between the Treasury and defense commission officials.

The compromise, approved by both the Treasury and commission, would give the commission and the Secretaries of War and Navy a measure of control over the disposition of plants which had been erected in whole or part by government funds and amortized for tax purposes under a speedup provision of the pending bill. As experts explained it, the compromise section would authorize the secretary to permit this special amortization for plants receiving government assistance only when the government had been assured of fair treatment in their disposition.

Destroyers Taken Over By British

An Eastern Canadian Port, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Union Jack replaced the Stars and Stripes today with a minimum of ceremony in the transfer of the first group of 50 American over-aged destroyers to British command.

American sailors, who brought the destroyers to this port, hauled down their colors and marched ashore after a bugler sounded "to the colors." A moment later British tars went aboard and hoisted their flag.

Captain's pennants were run up simultaneously on the main masts, indicating the destroyers, traded for western hemisphere defense bases, were actually in commission of the royal navy and ready for war action.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy tonight and on Tuesday, followed by showers in the mountains Tuesday or Tuesday night.

Croix de Guerre for Americans



American Red Cross volunteer ambulance drivers are decorated with the Croix de Guerre by General Liegeois at Vichy, France. Left to right: G. Apfelbaum, F. Fontanis, B. Robinson, G. Cox, A. Hochsteter and A. Engelhard. (Central Press)

State Will Bridge Lake Mattamuskeet

Democrat Rally At Lillington To Be September 21

Lillington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Democrats will formally launch their campaign in eastern North Carolina at a rally here September 21, Harnett county Chairman M. O. Lee announced today.

Governor Hoey and Governor-Nominate J. M. Broughton have accepted invitations to speak.

Agreement Expected On Draft Measure

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Senate and House will reach a speedy agreement on their conflicting versions of conscription legislation, it was said today, and the House provision for a 60-day delay in conscription will probably be discarded in the process.

Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, was confident in saying that congressional action on the history-making peace-time selective service measure would be completed "this week, possibly by Wednesday."

Burke, co-author of the bill, was joined by Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, of the House military committee, in forecasting a swift settlement of Senate-House differences.

The Nebraska senator said that the Senate-House conference would make several adjustments to reconcile the divergent versions of the bill, approved in one form in the Senate ten days ago and in a different form by the House Saturday night.

12,772,000-Bale Cotton Crop Predicted For 1940

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department forecast this year's cotton crop today at 12,772,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, based on conditions prevailing September 1.

The crop was forecast at 11,492,000 bales a month ago, based on August 1 conditions. Production last year was 11,817,000 bales and averaged 13,547,000 bales in the ten years 1929-38.

The area of cotton for harvest this year was placed at 24,406,000 acres, compared with 23,928,000 last year and the ten-year average of 21,235,000 acres.

Abandonment of acreage after July 1 was reported to have been 2.2 percent compared with an average of 1.9 percent during the ten years 1930-39.

Governor Hoey Announces Plans for the Speedy Construction of Lake Road and Soco Gap Link; Contracts May Be Let In October.

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Governor Hoey announced plans today for speedy construction of a twelve-mile road from Soco Gap to the Cherokee reservation in western North Carolina and provision for "the only road of its kind in the country" across Lake Mattamuskeet in the east.

The two projects will cost between \$650,000 and \$700,000, it was estimated, and will be paid for by special allotments "and will not be charged against the districts in which they are located."

The Hyde county road, straight across Mattamuskeet to bisect it, will not be let to contract, Governor Hoey said "unless it will meet the full approval of the board of commissioners and citizenship of Hyde county."

The lake road will be a part of the highway designed to connect Swan Quarter and Columbia, the county seats of Hyde and Tyrrell counties. The governor said the entire road would probably not be hard surfaced at this time, but the new route would provide a hard surfaced road from the vicinity of Fairfield straight across the lake to Swan Quarter. Permission to cross the lake was given by the Federal interior department.

The governor said it was expected the road would be "of rare beauty," would provide a tourist attraction, and would be of practical benefit to the whole section.

"The Soco Gap road will be included in the October letting and the Mattamuskeet Lake road also is ready to be included in that letting in the event it meets the approval of the people of Hyde county," Governor Hoey said.

Nazi Bombs Kill 600 And Injure 2,600

Defiant Royal Air Force Raids German Port of Hamburg and Nazi Barge Concentrations Along French Coast.

London, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Nazi bombers returned to London late today, apparently for the third night of Adolf Hitler's grimmest bombings, but an air alarm in the British capital lasted only one hour and 15 minutes.

It was believed, however, that as on previous nights the first wave of attackers was merely a vanguard blazing a trail for swarms to come.

They have already left approximately 600 persons dead and 2,600 seriously wounded in two severe night long raids.

Weary firemen, policemen, anti-aircraft gunners, who had been catching cat naps in preparation for another night of the longest air attacks ever launched against one city, sprang to their posts.

During the lull which followed the "all clear" shortly after 5 a. m., the air ministry disclosed that 13 British bombers were lost yesterday and last night in the royal air force's own mass raids against German shipping and continental objectives, including Hamburg, North sea port, where huge fires were started. British raiders also sought to demolish Nazi barges and boats concentrated on the French coast for movement of invading troops.

Besides the large number of casualties, widespread and severe damage was done in last night's raids on London.

Again the Nazi bombers seemed to try chiefly to hit London's communication centers in their late afternoon foray.

At the same time, the defiant royal air force made mass raids of its own against Germany's great North sea port of Hamburg, where tons of bombs were reported to have started great fires Sunday night, and Hitler's barge concentrations along the French coast.

Given a day of calm after night-long bombings, Londoners assessed the damage from the greatest raids ever carried out against the city.

Fires in every direction, direct hits on air raid shelters, hospitals demolished, reverberating explosions

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Nazi-Soviet Clash Near

Stewart Says Rumanian Situation Is Straining Relations Between Germany and Russia.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Sept. 9.—I can't find an army man in Washington who doesn't say Germany could make short work of Russia—if the two countries should clash, with nothing else going on.

It's agreed that the Nazis probably could not overrun the whole Soviet realm, clear to the Pacific, but the expert consensus is that they'd have Comrade Stalin's military force and his Moscow government on the run and that they'd be in occupation of the Communists' European territory as far to the eastward as they cared to penetrate, all in jig time—provided, as previously remarked, that they had no sizeable war on their hands elsewhere.

Our observers do venture the guess, however, that Herr Hitler will find himself seriously handicapped in his anti-British blitzkrieg if he gets into any considerable campaign against the Stalinists.

A Simmering Situation
The situation in farther western Europe has been attracting so much attention lately that developments in the Balkans, and to the Balkans' northward and southward, seem to

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