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Britain Strikes By Sea And Air

British-Rumania Relations Become Critical; Nazi And Rumania Planes On Patrol

British Minister to Rumania Notifies Antonescu That Relations Have Reached Critical Point; British Legation Packs.

London, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Sir Reginald Hoare, British minister to Rumania, has notified Premier General Ion Antonescu that relations between Britain and Rumania have reached a critical point, it was announced here tonight.

Oct. 11.—(AP)—A British official formation of about 100 planes, some bearing German insignia and others Rumanian insignia, flew back and forth over Bucharest and the oil towns of Ploesti today.

The planes flew over the British capital in Bucharest, where the staff was reported to be packing up.

The planes flew east and west and north and south methodically. At least 100 planes were over the city today.

The flight of the German air force was made as German officials charged through their mouthpiece in Rumania that Turkey had been attacked by Great Britain the night of the attack on Rumania and that the British ambassador, Sir Reginald Hoare, was an accomplice in the plan.



Miss Agnes C. Rosele, 24, is sworn in as the first of 4,019 Red Cross nurses who are to be transferred from the reserves to the Army Nurse Corps by next July. Looking on at the Washington ceremony is Miss Monica E. Conter (right), an army nurse.

Knudsen Cites Some Progress In Rearmament

Washington, Oct. 11.—(AP)—William S. Knudsen, the defense commission protection chief who is sparing of his superlative reports to the nation that "some progress" has been made in its rearmament program.

Saying that inspection tours of defense industries had "reassured me a great deal" and that he expected "no specific difficulties to interfere" with the program, Knudsen last night mentioned the following as evidence of "some progress":

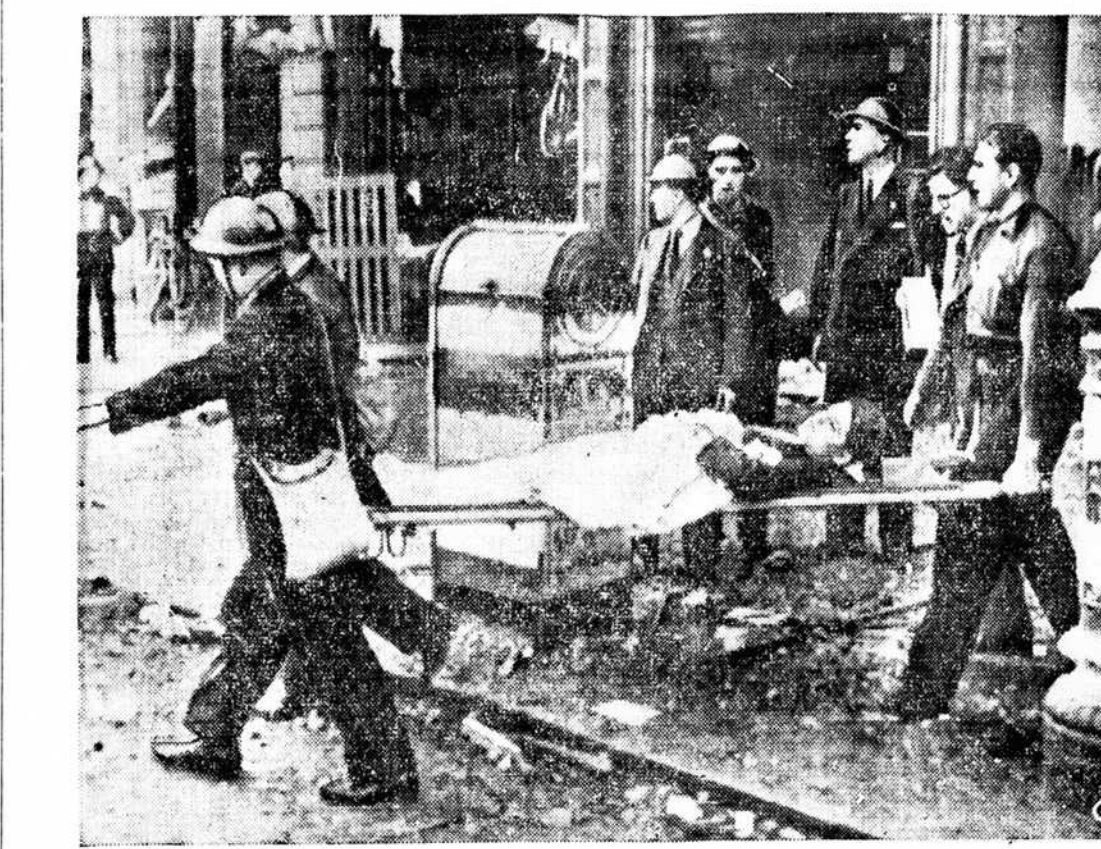
A total of \$3,000,000,000 in contracts signed.

Plans for placing an additional \$4,000,000,000 in orders by the end of November.

Aircraft production of 950 planes and 1,600 engines monthly with double that output expected next year.

Knudsen, in his report, dealt on the production problems which had to be met before mass manufacture of defense equipment was possible. He paid tribute to the "marvelous response from the people in all walks and stations of life" particularly workers and engineers, and said that "with this spirit we cannot fail to get the results which we in times past have always found possible."

Removing London Wounded After Nazi Raid



Air raid wardens carry an injured civilian to safety in London as the British capital carries on after one of the heaviest bombing attacks of the war. Confusion of the bombs was so great that persons were hurled fifty feet through the air and crushed against the sides of buildings.

London Has 36th Night Of Bombing

British Cruiser Attempts to Shell "Invasion" Base of Cherbourg; RAF Bombers Create Havoc in Hamburg.

(By The Associated Press.)

British warships hoisted the German-held "invasion" base of Cherbourg on the French coast today, attacking boldly in a thick dawn haze, and set fires visible 49 miles away, the London admiralty said, adding:

No damage or casualties were sustained by the sea raiders, the admiralty said, adding:

"There was no naval opposition from the enemy, although it was known that enemy light forces were at Cherbourg."

The admiralty said heavy and fast forces engaged in the assault—the first sizeable naval action in the English channel since the bloody retreat from Dunkerque last June.

Nazi quarters minimized the effect of the bombardment, asserting that only a single cruiser "attempted" to shell the big shipping port and that it was routed by the fire of German coastal batteries which "showered" the cruiser with shells.

In the Far East crisis, while Japan officially muffled sabre-rattling thrusts at the United States, excited rumors circulated in Shanghai that Japan is planning to seize the foreign settlement there on October 18 and that 14,000 Japanese-controlled Chinese troops are already massed outside the city.

DNE, official German news agency, reported with unusual frankness that British bombs spread "devastation visible over a radius of five-eighths of a mile" and left "a shambles of ashes" in two sections of Hamburg.

Casualties were listed as three killed, 15 seriously wounded and many more slightly wounded.

German warplanes attacked London for the 36th consecutive night, were reported to have dropped 496,900 pounds of bombs on the capital city alone.

Other Nazi raiders hit 20 provincial areas from the Thames estuary through the great industrial midlands to Liverpool where Hitler's high command reported "big fires" were left raging.

The Germans also reported that royal air force bombers attacked Amsterdam in Nazi-occupied Holland, killing 13 and wounding 20 in the city.

Hungary And Rumania Have More Trouble

Budapest, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The official Hungarian news agency announced today that Hungary has decided to intervene to settle differences with Rumania over control of both countries that their interests are being mistreated.

The action followed upon reports that Hungary was sending its forces to Berlin with pleas that the German army by which Transylvania is occupied be modified.

Hungarian demonstrations by which the government has been attempting to settle some of the problems of the occupation of Transylvania.

The organized axis diplomats are trying to draw Greece and Turkey away from Britain and to the neutrality of other southeastern European countries was awaited as the next logical step.

The campaign fails. Balkan objectives, military action would be avoided.

Roosevelt Begins Tour

President on Two-Day Non-Political Tour of Defenses; Speaks Saturday Night.

Aboard Roosevelt's Special Train, Oct. 11.—(AP)—A peppy high school band, thousands of yelling citizens and a delegation of officials—Republican and Democrat—noisily started President Roosevelt off today at Johnstown, Pa., on a two-day tour of Pennsylvania and Ohio points vital to national defense.

While the trip officially was described as another non-political expedition, it was taking Mr. Roosevelt into two pivotal states—with politicians joining the President's special train at every stop.

The Chief Executive got out on the back platform of his private car at Johnstown and waved to the crowds.

Then the train moved down the Conemaugh river to Seward where the Chief Executive had an opportunity to see work under way on a \$7,600,000 channel improvement project designed to prevent more disastrous floods.

A sign along the bank said: "Johnstown channel improvement flood control project. Thanks, Mr. Roosevelt." And along the way people held up signs of welcome, one of which said "Thanks for everything."

At Dayton, Ohio, the President will broadcast a "one for all, all for one" defense message to the nation and the entire western hemisphere Saturday night.

Registration Order Tonight

Raleigh, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Governor Hoyer announced draft boards for nine more counties today.

Tonight, Governor Hoyer said, a proclamation will be issued calling for the registration of all persons in North Carolina coming under the compulsory military training law. Postoffices throughout the state will post printed copies of the proclamation.

Plans are nearing completion for the registration, with four counties having reported they are all set for the work October 16.

In many counties school authorities will had election officials in the registration, Hoyer said.

Washington Is Worried

Shanghai Seen as Potential Trouble Spot; Pacific Defenses Are Strengthened.

Washington, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Official concern over the tense Far East situation centered anew today on Shanghai as a potential trouble spot after the slaying there of the city's puppet mayor and a Japanese army officer.

One of the chief dangers as viewed in well informed but unofficial quarters was that the incident might occasion new Japanese attempts to take over the entire international settlement.

The possibility that a serious situation might arise in Shanghai over some incident has been regarded here as one of the dangers in the Far East.

The United States has some 1,200

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Shanghai Becomes Center Of Concern

Japan's Powerful Navy Is Paraded Before Hirohito

Yokohama, Japan, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The finest units of Japan's powerful navy were paraded before Emperor Hirohito off Yokohama today in a review celebrating the 2,600th anniversary of the Japanese empire's founding.

A broadcast by Domei, authoritative Japanese news agency, heard in New York said that "great importance must be attached to this naval demonstration at the present moment, as the navy minister recently pointed out". The reference apparently was to strained relations with the United States.

More than 100 warships, including several battleships, and 250 planes, took part in the display of naval power off Japan's chief Pacific ocean port.

Chinese Troops of the Japanese-Dominated Nanking Government Reported Concentrating Outside City; Puppet Mayor Slain.

Shanghai, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Despite Japanese denials, usually well informed circles insisted tonight that Chinese soldiers of the Japanese-dominated Nanking government were concentrated outside Shanghai, while rumor had it that Japan intends to take over the international settlement of the French concession October 18.

The puppet regime's troops were said to have been moved yesterday to new positions between Shanghai and the mouth of the Whangpoo river about 12 miles below the city.

Rumors of impending forceful action against the foreign areas in this otherwise Japanese controlled city was linked with the impending

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USHA Unit Dedicated

Roosevelt Refers to Public Housing as "Job of Defense" in Dedication.

Washington, Oct. 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, referring to public housing as a "job of defense," said today that as long as the people live, the government is working to protect their jobs and their homes.

He said that if the need for public housing were to be met, the people would be able to live in their own homes.

In an open car, he dedicated the 100,000th home unit of the United States Housing Authority at the 42nd Street Terrace Village.

Roosevelt told a dedication of several thousand the housing program was "another phase of defense work" and that it "has no end."

He estimated that on an average of 100,000 families, 500,000 had been built with new homes and added to other forms we have taken to help 2,000,000 more people have been given better homes.

Another phase of defense work.

In Case You're Interested In Party Platforms, Here Are Contrasts For State

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

Raleigh, Oct. 11.—It has been said, probably with more truth than poetry, that party platforms are things to ride into office on and then forget; and it is also perhaps true that not one voter in a thousand knows anything about the party platforms and not one in a hundred who does know cares.

Just the same the Democrats and Republicans of North Carolina have their respective declarations of principles and faiths; and these declarations when laid side by side form a rather interesting example of how the same set of facts are seen through different, and partisan eyes.

For instance, there's the very important matter of taxes in North Carolina and the state's budget. Unless the two platforms were right under your nose where they cannot help being read, it is hard to figure how there could be two such divergent views.

The Democrats, in their state platform say about these important matters:

"Fortunately North Carolina has a balanced budget and meets all of her obligations promptly and is steadily decreasing her public debt."

There's the optimist and pointer with pride for you.

On the contrary the Republicans—

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Draft Ayres For Old Job

Colonel Ayres Will Be Chief Statistician For Defense Preparedness Program.

By CHARLES F. STEWART, Central Press Columnist.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Col. Leonard P. Ayres, recently conscripted by the government as its chief statistician in connection with its defensive preparedness program, is better known as an economist than as a military man. Nevertheless, he did do government statistics during the last World War, and was drafted for the same job this time because his work was so capable in that era.

Since then he's been editor of the Cleveland Trust company's bulletin, dealing with business conditions, of the moment, and in prospect. The company gave him a leave

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Colonel Ayres

Episcopal Budget Set

Kansas City, Oct. 11.—(AP)—A three-year budget of \$2,212,000—ten percent higher than that of the past triennial—was proposed today at a joint session of the houses of bishops and deputies of the Protestant Episcopal church convention.

Chief increase would be \$117,000 to finance missionary work, particularly in India, now sponsored by the weakened mother Church of England.

Other increases were asked for domestic church work, especially youth activities.

Episcopal women in their traditional holy communion service contributed \$974,629.70 as a thank offering. The fund was \$100,000 larger than at the 1937 convention.

The money will be devoted to reconstruction of schools and hospitals and to foreign and domestic missions.

Senate Takes 3-Day Recess

Washington, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The Senate used only six minutes today to meet and agree to recess until noon Monday.

With about a score present, Majority Leader Barkley won agreement to the week-end recess. On Monday, Barkley said, he will move to recess until Thursday and on that date to the following Monday.

Barkley has asked that this same pattern be followed until November 18.

The House, having failed to muster a quorum at a short-lived session yesterday, stood adjourned until today with leaders hinting that an agreement was near to follow the Senate's example in suspending business.

Willkie Asks For Unity

GOP Presidential Candidate Charges New Deal With Splitting Country Into Classes.

Enroute with Willkie to Boston, Oct. 11.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, campaigning through southeastern Massachusetts in balmy autumn weather, appealed today for national unity and declared that "the New Deal's splitting the country into classes makes me sick."

He asserted that the pitting of section against section had been done by the Roosevelt administration not as a means of promoting industrial production but rather "to promote political profit."

"And worst of all," he declared, "it does this at a time when, as the third term candidate said at Chickamauga a month ago, our essential need is absolute unity."

Crowds estimated by police in the various cities to total 50,000 greeted the Republican presidential nominee with cheers and applause—and some boys—as his motorcade moved through New Bedford, Fall River, Taunton and Brockton.

Earlier, in New Bedford, he asserted that "if we do not prevail this fall this pleasant and effective way of life will pass."

The nominee reiterated his contention that "we cannot continue to go down the road to bankruptcy and preserve our system of free enterprise or our American way of life."

He said he wanted to create jobs and jobs are what America needs.

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Small Corporations Get Break, Babson Believes

By ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1940, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.

Babson Park, Mass., Oct. 11.—The 1940 tax legislation shows the American people are thinking. One of its most interesting features is that the excess profits tax law favors companies having earnings of less than \$25,000 a year. Of course, this is a direct subsidy to smaller corporations.

Should the \$25,000 apply to earnings of a company or to earnings of individual stockholders in that company? Is there any reason why a ten-share stockholder in a large corporation should be taxed any more than if he held the same amount of stock in a small company? Is certainly seems unfair to penalize with more taxes, direct or indirect, a man who receives earnings from distributions.

Two Vital Questions.

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Saturday, except cloudy and somewhat unsettled in the mountains, slightly warmer in the mountains tonight and in the east and central portions Saturday.