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German Troops In Bucharest

Americans Begin Exodus From Japan

Turkey Looks To Russia; Battle Of Britain Continues

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Wives and Children of American Businessmen Heed Warning of State Department to Leave Japan; Japanese Press Quiet.

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Bomb Rips St. Paul's Altar



C. P. Cablephoto

This is the debris-strewn high altar of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, shattered with wreckage when a German aerial bomb struck the roof. The bronze and ebony altar was severely damaged, as were several pieces of the historical furnishings. The great dome of the cathedral, however, escaped unscathed.

Berlin Hospital Bombed



C. P. Radiophoto

Following bombing of a London hospital by the Nazis, with more than 100 dead, Germany issued this photo of nurses inspecting damage to the operating room of the Robert Koch Hospital in Berlin. The propaganda bureau says British bombs reduced the building to fragments but that most of the 250 patients had been removed to safety.

FDR Salutes U. S. Italians

Both Lake Matamuskeet And Soco Gap Highways Will Be Approved, Averill Says

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Two roads over which the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission isn't the least enthusiastic will get final approval and contracts for part of their construction will be finally let next week. They are the proposed highway across Lake Matamuskeet in far eastern North Carolina and the road from Soco Gap to Cherokee in the equally far west of Tar Heels.

They are "The Governor's Pets" and will owe eventual construction far more to Clyde R. Hoyt than to the regular highway setup. There are strong indications that the Matamuskeet project will be turned loose early next week; and some possibility that the Soco Gap contract will be awarded at the same time. Bids on both were opened some days ago, but no awards were made pending clearing up of lingering problems.

In the case of the Matamuskeet project, Governor Hoyt held off because he wanted to be sure that the people of the section are really in favor of it. Some opposition has appeared; but both Highway Commission Chairman Francis Dunlap and the district highway commissioner have visited the section and reported to the governor that sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of the road's construction. Governor Hoyt said very recently that there are still a few opponents who wish to be heard; and he has been holding off in order to give them a chance. In view of the favorable report just made to him by Chairman Dunlap, however, it is quite likely he will wait no longer, but will act Monday. The highway chairman emphasized the fact that the proposed road

across the lake will cost no more, perhaps less, than a highway skirting either end of the lake. Problem involved in the Soco Gap to Cherokee road is of an entirely different nature. Up in the mountainous area where the road is to be located the ever-evolving problem of labor has bobbed up.

Not labor trouble (with a capital "L") because there isn't even a hint of union activities or agitation. It's merely a question of what labor needed to build the road will cost. When bids were submitted some time ago, highway officials looked with some astonishment on figures considerably higher than they felt were justified; and awarding the contract was held up in order to give time for an investigation to show whether the bids were actually in line with cost to the contractors.

The investigation has shown that labor costs in the section have risen sharply because of the work now under way in construction of two tremendous power developments in the Swain-Graban area. These projects are giving work to practically all the labor supply available, with the inevitable result that wages have come up in obedience to the well-known laws of supply and demand.

As late as Friday, Vance Baise, Highway Commission engineer, was still looking into the matter; but it is thought that he will find that prices bid on the road are not out of line with realities of the situation. There is a strong undercurrent of

Pays Honor To Loyalty

President's Message Read at Columbus Day Celebration in New York City.

New York, Oct. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt saluted all Americans of Italian ancestry today and declared that "since the time of its discovery America has had a place for citizens of all races and creeds and through the combined genius of all of them has created an empire of freedom."

Mr. Roosevelt's special Columbus Day message was read at a rally of the Italian Dressmakers Union of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union by Luigi Antonini, state chairman of the American labor party.

"Among the groups which have unceasingly toiled and groined contributing to the success of the American dream are the millions of Americans who are proud of their Italian inheritance but whose loyalty to America is unquestioned," the President said. "We have before us the great work of restoring a world dedicated to peace, cooperation and freedom and offer to their children the hope of playing a greater part in human progress."

Dictators Taking Precautions Even In Their Own Countries

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 12.—Early dispatches didn't mention the extraordinary precautions taken to protect Fuehrer Hitler and Duce Mussolini at their recent Brenner Pass confab. Later advices told all about them. Official Washington is wondering why it was necessary to safeguard the two dictators so elaborately.

It appears that they traveled, Adolf from Berlin and Benito from Rome, to the village of Brennero, each in a heavily armored train. Virtually the cars were tanks, equipped to run on rails. Each train carried with it a strong anti-aircraft battery. No lights were shown. The conference took place in Benito's private coach and diner. The lines, in both directions, were formidably patrolled.

Now, for what reason or reasons was such elaborate preparation deemed essential? The only possible answer seems to be that Adolf and Benito were afraid of being bombed from overhead, shot from underneath or dynamited from alongside, either going or coming from Brennero.

Yet Brennero, away inland, would appear to be pretty remote from any locality over which British planes might be expected to be soaring. Consequently, Washington observers guessing is that John Bull's aviators must have Der Fuehrer and Il Duce more scared than they'd imagined previously.

Only Partially Explanatory That would account for the boiler plates aloft and the anti-aircraft guns.

But it doesn't explain the Nazi's and Fascists' evident anxiety lest one or the other or both of the two trains be blown up from below, or that somebody take a pot shot through a car window laterally. Tracks couldn't be mined and sniping from the ground level would not be practicable except by local (German or Italian) talent.

The conclusion is that Adolf and Benito are mighty suspicious of elements hostile to them in their own respective countries. They may not be large elements, but even an individual's act is liable to dispose of a dictator if the individual is willing to take the consequences. And there are such individuals. Benito was shot at once (and hit, though not fatally) and not so long ago, Adolf narrowly missed being blown up at Munich. A good number of Germans frantically have a definite anti-Fascist temperamental streak; and the Fascists, certainly, must have a few. Benito also, when he was getting the steel on his term of 22 years and a \$10,000 fine.

Estimate Of Draft Made

Figures To Be Used In Determining Number of Draftees From Each State.

(AP)—Estimates of the number of military draftees to be called for each state in the first draft call are being supplied to Congress by the War Relocation Authority. The figures to be announced soon, under the conscription program, are expected to be available by mid-October. Submitted within the week, they will decide the number of draftees to be provided by each of the 48 conscription areas in the country. Officials expected that the estimates were based on the number of men expected to be eligible for service in each state with a credit to add for its share of the 1,915,471 regulars and reserves of the present Army, Navy and Marine Corps. In this connection, enrollment figures were made public showing that New York has an estimated 77,361

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Nazis Claim To Have Seized Initiative From Britain in Rumania; Naval Engagement Is Reported Off Isle of Wight.

(By The Associated Press.) Truck loads of steel-helmeted Nazi infantrymen rumbled through the streets of Bucharest today as German military penetration of Rumania expanded and seized Turkey, ready for war, looked toward Moscow for Soviet reaction to Germany's drive to the east.

In western Europe the battle of Britain went on in the air and on the sea. Nazi warplanes roared across the channel against London and a German torpedo boat flotilla was reported to have fought an engagement off the Isle of Wight with British submarines, torpedo boats and destroyers.

The presence of the German troops in Bucharest gave the impression of Nazi occupation of the capital. Planes roared overhead and the swastika was unfurled at many hotels. The official Turkish radio declared last night that "the Balkans and even Soviet Russia are on the brink of unexpected war."

At the same time, German sources in Bucharest said the establishment of an axis air patrol over Rumania's closely-guarded oil fields once again had seized the initiative from the British and predicted a prompt break in relations between Rumania and Britain.

The implication was that the Nazis acted because of a belief Britain had designs on rich oil supplies now under the wing of the German air force.

Nazi airmen attacking London reported today huge fires were raging in the city, but British dispatches said the German attack lacked the intensity of previous assaults. London's overnight air clear signal sounded about 2:30 a. m., much earlier than usual. Royal air force planes struck through fog into Germany and at Nazi bases on the French side of the English channel, coordinating their attack with British long range guns which engaged in a duel for more than three hours last night and today with German batteries. Flashes from the opposing guns ripped along the Dover and Calais areas in the longest cross-channel bombardment of the war.

Britain continued to leave Rumania for Turkey and Greece. Greece closely watched her Albanian border, where thousands of fascist troops have been concentrated. With the departure of the last British national from Rumania severance of British-Rumanian diplomatic relations was expected.

When I lived in Japan, years ago, Jap newspapermen, with whom I mainly associated, already were surreptitiously boosting for it. Are these totalitarians as strong as they appear to be? In fact, do they themselves think they are? Or are they tolerably uneasy—right at home, in their own various countries?

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Willkie Campaigning In East; Roosevelt On Tour

(By The Associated Press) Wendell L. Willkie, winding up his New England campaign tour, concentrated his efforts in Massachusetts today with a move into New York state scheduled for this evening. Moving westward meanwhile, his Democratic opponent, President Roosevelt, pressed an inspection of Ohio's defense facilities toward Dayton, where tonight he will make an address billed as "non-political" in defense of the western hemisphere. The Dayton speech at 9 o'clock (EST) will be broadcast on all domestic networks and by short wave to Latin America.

The Roosevelt administration was termed by Willkie in his Boston speech last night "an irresponsible government." The Republican nominee asserted that Mr. Roosevelt "says that Hitler and Mussolini would like to see him defeated this November." "He does not say this directly," he insinuates it," Willkie added. "He leaves the real job to his handpicked successor for vice president and his handpicked governor of New York."

"Dragging the European war into our domestic elections is not a responsible act. It is a reckless one."

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer in the mountains and north central portion today.