YTY-SEVENTH YEAR

HENDERSON, N. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNO ON, OCTOBER 16, 1940

Coastal Defense

New Bern, Oct. 16, --: AP).-A lumined representatives of the ces tal section of North Car-

elies sathered in New Bern this merring and formed "the North

Carolina Committee on Coastal

The committee ryked the Federal government to leave Lieute-

pant Calanel George W. Gillette

here as United States Army dis-trict engineer for the carrying

out of a program of preparation

for coastal defense and decided to enlist the aid of each com-munity in the plan of defense embracing the North Carolina

Mayor H. S. Gibbs of More-

head City was named president

of the new organization; Ed Smith of Scotland Neek, vice

president, and Miss Helen Hawk

of New Bern, secretary

Gun Battle

Group Is Formed

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Duke President Is Dead



Few, president of Duke University, died at 7 o'clock this

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Dr. Few

Death Comes at 7 Colleague Pays O'clock This Morning in Duke Hospital to 72-Year-Old President of Duke University.

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Elevation of Representative Lindhour day.

Millions of men who answered the same call 22 years ago last June 5 the United States fulfilled a prophecy made about him a number of years ago by a fellow member of the House today after a heart of a go.

Elevation of Representative Lindhour day.

Wass, Oct. 16.— (AP) —Funeral services were held here today for saw their sons step into line for registration at election precincts.

Even some veterans of the AEF retraced their steps after nearly a gun battle Monday night in which he was fatally wounded.

Three others Nortic Lockwich is ago.

Student Flier Seriously Hurt

Elizabeth Cty, Oct. 16.--(AP)-An 18-year-old high school student from Norfolk was seriously injured and his plane cemolished when it went after a violent artillery duel with into a spin just after taking off at the Italian submarine Toti in the the municipal field here today.

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Volke, the young pilot, had suffered with shells and machine gun bullets, and then, maneuvering swiftlets, and then, maneuvering swiftly, launched a torpedo which finishly, launched a torpedo which finish-

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rationality or the amounced today approval of six They included:
Robeson county, improve Maxton water system, \$21,611, 39 workers.

At the same time the British and Italian ar forces were reported to have exchanged new blows on the Egyptian front.

History Textbook Question May Furnish Heated Debate In Commission Sessions

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
BY HENRY AVERILL.
Raleigh, Oct 16.—Into the laps of the elementary school book commission has follow a composition law follows:

The choice of books in the ch Oct. 16.— (AP) —Six sion has fallen a comparatively inas well as naving pointed as having pointed as well as instructional angles—almost went on strike here heat, at home at least, than this innor the need to be a superficient of the coming months far more most necessarily so since the governor than the lieutenant governor than t

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1,000 Bombers Blast London: More Feared

REGISTRATION OF AMERICA'S YOUTH TODAY

"It is a Day of Deep North Carolina and rus posetul Meaning in the Lives of All of Us," President Roosevelt Says in Ad-

(By The Associated Press.) At the estimated rate of \$1,-250,000 an hour, America's young men signed up today for possible service in the mation's first peacetime draft army. Reports going into Washnig-

ton from state capitals, which in turn had gathered them from every city, town and rural dis-trict, prompted selective servheadquarters to announce that the whole vasi registration machinery was "clipping along

In fact, officials said that if registrations continued all day at their noon estimate of 1,259,000 hourly, the expected national total of 16.404.000 registrants of ages 21 through 35 would be reached before the closing hour of 9 o'clock hour tonight. "It is a day of deep and purpose-ful meaning in the lives of all of us,"

Warren Tribute | Full meaning in the lives of an office. | President Roosevel's said in a brief early morning address prepared for delivery as registration places across delivery as registration places across and the lives of an office a the country were opening for a 14-

s month to assume his new presentative Cole, Dem-cials expected to draw 5.000,000 men. Trula Minton, 18, were wounded ready and able to go under military

917 and 1918. Over a tobacco crop caused the bat-Where some 12,000,000 men from the. They lodged Guy Minton and 21 through 30 registered for the first Arthur Minton in jail in connection

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Duce's Offer Reported Sunk Impractical

with their investigation.

Officers said they were told con-

Stewart Says Offer of water. British Possessions to

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist Washington, Oct. 15.-Not in so many words, but by plain implica-The Italian command said the tion. Uncle Sam has been threaten-

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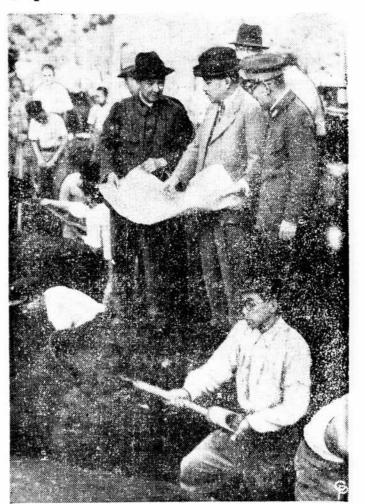
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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and cooler, preceded by drizzle and light rain this afternoon and early tonight: Thursday partly cloudy, continued cool, somewhat unsettled in east portion: light frost in mountains tonight if sky clears.

Japan Builds Air Raid Shelters



Engineering college students construct model air raid shelters in a crowded downtown district of Tokyo, according to the Japanese caption. Heavily populated Japan is extremely vulnerable to air attack.

Significant Action Taken By Roosevelt

Italy Seeks Vengeance In Air Attacks

the flaghip, Italian bombers are trying to avenge Italy fer the loss of three destroyers last Saturday and my typewriter is bouncing from one end of the table to the other.

Bombs are falling outside in great to the national defense program, after invoking the government's power to requisition any equipment, munitions, machinery, tools, materials or supplies needed to prepare the nation for any emergency.

In an executive order, the Presi-

U. S. Wouldn't Work units are in action. Shells are any of the items deemed necessary breaking high in the air, but the for national defense purposes. bombers are keeping at an altitude

the Italian air arm had raided them

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Full Control Assumed Over Sale or Export of National Defense Pro- and left the British capital a scene of "indescribable chaos." gram.

By LARRY ALLEN
With the British Mediterranean
Fleet at Alexandria, Oct. 16.—(AP)

By LARRY ALLEN

ident Roosevelt today assumed full
control over the sale or export of
raw and manufactured products vital -As I write this story on board to the national defense program,

numbers, sending up fountains of dent ordered the Army and Navy munitions boards late yesterday to The anti-aircraft guns on the flag make an immediate survey to detership, aircraft carriers and other mine the necessity for requicitioning

The board was authorized at the of 20,00 feet except that now and same time to determine whether it is in the public interest to sell or then one swoops lower.

I suspect the British had rather expected an attack of this kind, for the suspect of th

The President's action was conafter the cruiser Ajax had sunk two sidered very far reaching and sigdestroyers and with the cruiser York finished off a third destroyer. After Saturday's battle near Sicily

States could regain possession of if he stays as pro-the ships swing under Crete and many war materials, equipment and

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his share of the new Deal Farm Program This, however, is what Benito Mussolini's newspaper. Is Attacked And Defended

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of the National Committee of Inde- crops with exportable surpluser. of the possibility of bell-gerency,"

Independent, Nebraska, upheld it.

Willkie, campaigning in Ohio, said in a talk prepared for delivery at Mansfield that prosperity for the Mansfield that prosperity for the farmer is related directly to prosperity for the farm problem.

What will the Americans do if British provocation and stubbornness bring about a British-Japanese conflict along the Burma Road or around it?" Appelius said.

"The functions of the tripartite the farm problem."

abundance." Within a discontinuous abundance." Within a discontinuous abundance." Within a discontinuous abundance are paid the Norris spoke from Washington list to buy its way out of trouble. He has in a state of "non-belligrency night in a broadcast under auspices" advantable approach for the possibility of bell-groups.

Nazi Threat Of"Typhoon Stage" Made

Scene of "Indescribable Chaos," Left in British Capital, German Fliers Report; 1,-000 Tons of Bombs Dropped on City.

(By The Associated Press.)

The Germans announced a dive bomber attacked an English transport train today, killing or wounding at least 300 persons when the locomotive and first six cars plunged over an embankment.

Informed quarters in Berlin. describing the attack, said the rest of the train was torn apart. Meanwhile, the London ad-miralty announced that British warships bombarded the naziheld "invasion port" of Dunkerque on the French coast last night, setting giant fires and causing "much damage." German aerial activity during

the day slowed down to sporadic attacks after an almost unprecedented night of terror for the bomb scarred British capital. Nazi fliers said they observed

fires raging throughout an area of London 48 to 60 miles wide and they described London as "a great sea of flames." The London ministry of infor-

mation admitted the night raids were "of a heavy nature," but said the damage was not as "great as that done in raids in early September"—which took a daily death toll of 300 to 460

(By The Associated Press.)

Nazi quarters in Berlin threaten-d a triple-force "typhoon stage" to Raw and Manufactur- the aerial siege of Britain today after an armada of 1,000 German bombed Products Vital to ers reportedly dropped 1,000 tons of bombs on London during the night

Even that terrific assault was only Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Pres-lent Property 1. 14.—(AP)—Pres-

warplanes machine gunned the streets and dropped the biggest explosives yet rained on the empire

German airmen returning from the dusk-to-dawn assault fold of "deafening detonations, terrific concus-sions, skies reddened by great fires."

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Danger On Burma Road

Mussolini's Newspaper Says Opening of Road May Touch Off U. S. Powder Keg.

Rome, Oct. 16.-(AP)-The possicility that Britain's reopening of the Burma war supply road to China tomorrow would provide the spark to touch off an American powder keg and bring the United States into the war was advanced today by Mario Appellus, military commentator of Premier Fussolini's newspaper II pendent Voters for Reservelt and Popolo d'Italia.

Wendell L. Willkie made a plea Wellace, of which he is honorary Appelius characterized the reonening of the road tomorrow as Win-He said that no other administra- ston Churchill's challenge to Japan