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## U. S. Eagles Show Their Stuff in Britain



Showing their training with the Royal Air Force, the Eagle Squadron, composed entirely of American pilots, puts on a spectacular display of low-level flying (top). At left, in R.A.F. uniform, is William Erwin Taylor, of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Eagle commander. At right are some of the 34 Americans who will take the air against Germany. Left to right, Edwin E. Orblison, Byron F. Kennerly, Richard A. Moore and James L. McGinnis. (Central Press)

# Hitler Aims Blow At Sea Blockade

## Army Air Corps Reorganized

### Four Air Districts Established

Present Number of Combat Groups Doubled and "Highly Mobile Fighting Force" Created Under New Organization.

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Reorganization of the Army air corps, to double its present number of combat groups and create a "highly mobile fighting force" capable of operations anywhere in the western hemisphere, was announced today by the War Department.

The organization took the form of establishment of four air districts. It will include expansion of the four air corps wings now in continental United States to 17 wings as rapidly as trained personnel and equipment now in production becomes available.

Instead of the present 25 combat groups the expanded air force will have 54, the announcement said.

"The purpose of the creation of the air districts," the department explained, "is to effect decentralization of training and inspection duties of the commanding general, general headquarters air force and to provide for the development of commanders and staffs for such special task forces as may be required for operation in war."

The general headquarters air force commander, at present Major General Delos C. Emmons, will remain in command of all these units.

The 1942 personnel objective for the air force was announced as 162,000 enlisted men compared with the previous air corps objective of 45,000.

The department said the program contemplated an increase in the annual output of trained pilots from 7,000 to 12,000; an increase in air corps technical schools and instructors for mechanics and specialists; and acquisition of many new stations for the new combat groups.

The air districts will include: Northeast air district with headquarters at Hartford, Conn., comprising Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, the northeast section of North Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The Southeast air district with headquarters at Tampa, Fla., comprising the remainder of North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.

## Grange Names State Officers

Salisbury, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Election of three executive committee members, a state officer and recognition of "blue ribbon" lecturers occupied the convention of the State Grange here today.

The committeemen elected included W. W. Andrews of Goldsboro for a three-year term.

Mrs. Frank Andrews of Goldsboro was elected to the office of "Ceres". State Master Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro announced that four Fomona lecturers, including Miss Bessie Rann of Granville county, and 26 subordinate Grange lecturers had been cited for having "prepared outstanding programs" in their respective Granges during the last year.

The latter included: Mrs. H. D. Barden, Miss Mildred Fleming, Mrs. J. D. Haney all of Granville county, and Mrs. Anderson Edge of Wayne county.

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with some fog; possibly light drizzle near coast tonight; no decided change in temperature.

## Signs for Draft 5 Days Late



Declaring he realized he had been in error in his earlier attitude, the Rev. Harry Howard Kreuner (right), Baptist minister, was permitted to register for the draft in Boston, five days late. He is shown with Chief Clerk Kent in Back Bay draft headquarters. The law requires ministers to register but exempts them from military service. (Central Press)

## France And Spain Would Give Bases

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(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler was reported aiming today at a campaign to break the shackles of the British blockade by shifting the main theatre of the war to the Mediterranean and attacking Britain's "life line" trade routes in the south Atlantic.

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Bern, Switzerland, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Marshal Petain, chief of state of France, left Vichy today, according to word reaching diplomatic sources here, to go to Paris, where it was believed he would sign a new French-German agreement superseding the existing armistice accord.

He was accompanied by several aides, including the minister of justice, the report said.

The news was first received through diplomatic channels, because correspondents at Vichy were under strict orders to give no details of the marshal's departure, his destination or the purpose of the trip.

Vice Premier Pierre Laval also left today for Paris, where Tuesday he conferred with Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop.

At Gibraltar and crush British sea power in the Mediterranean.

2. At the same time, Germany and Spain would smash at British trade with India via the Cape of Good Hope, using Spanish ports and air fields in the Atlantic and the Canary Islands as bases.

Informed French sources said Hitler and French vice Premier Pierre Laval had virtually sealed an agreement whereby the Vichy government would give the Bonn-Berlin axis the use of naval and air bases in Africa, Syria and

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## Air War Cut By Weather

Heavy Formations of German Planes Succeed Only in Dropping Bombs in Country.

London, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Heavy formations of German planes made short repeated stabs at a London shrouded in thick chill weather today but succeeded only in dropping bombs in rural areas.

Observers reported large groups of raiders crossed the southeast coast early in the afternoon, most of them obscured by clouds and heading in the direction of London.

A few moments later a flight of five fighter planes was glimpsed as it crested through low clouds.

The approach of these planes caused a second air raid alert of the day in London, but it, like the first, was later cancelled as bomb explosions were heard in London during the

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## Record Vote Indicated

### City Vote To Be Heavy

Registrations Throughout Country Point to Popular Vote of Fifty Million.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Heavy registrations throughout the country, particularly in the big cities, today indicate that a history-breaking vote of about 50,000,000 will be cast in the presidential election next month.

Registration of officials and estimated registrations in each state show a possible total vote of about 57 for every 100 population.

Comparing figures with an actual vote of 45,477,117 in the Roosevelt election in 1936 and 39,310,000 in Roosevelt-De Witt

on an analysis of voter registrations in each state, the total vote in the 1940 elections, or about 45 per cent of the total population of the United States, will be eligible to vote.

With the actual vote of 45,477,117 in the Roosevelt election in 1936 and 39,310,000 in Roosevelt-De Witt in 1932, the 1940 vote will be a record.

Registrations in 1940 are estimated to be 25 per cent higher than in 1936, a gain of 605,000 over the actual vote four years ago.

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## State-Owned Railroad Reduces Debt

Government Announced Today That the State-Owned Railroad System in North Carolina Has Reduced Its Debt to \$210,352.48 in the last year.

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He said the report will show that the railroad has reduced \$210,352.48 in the last year.

He said there were no payments in efforts to lease the railroad at Morehead City. The investment of \$1,000,000 in the terminal at Morehead City was favorably received. The plan have been temporarily at least.

## 40-Hour Week Is Labor Standard

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The 40-hour work week became the legal standard for the nation's interstate industry today and from now on employees covered by the wage-hour law will be entitled to time-and-half pay for more than 40 hours work.

The 40-hour standard prescribed by the act became effective at midnight, replacing the 42-hour work week inaugurated a year ago.

## Warren V. Hall On Republican State Payroll

Raleigh, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Thad Eure, secretary of state, expressed the opinion this afternoon that Warren V. Hall, a Republican member of the state elections board, should resign at once as he had filed a report showing he was a salaried worker in the Republican campaign committee.

Hall, of Charlotte, reported that he had received \$240 as salary as secretary-treasurer of the Republican committee for the 10th congressional district. He reported receiving \$1,370 from the state committee for use in the campaign.

"Warren V. Hall should resign at once from the state board of elections," Eure said. "His own statement shows he has received a salary

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## Fascists On U. S. Stand

Rome, Oct. 24.—(AP)—An authoritative fascist commentator defined the Rome-Berlin attitude toward the United States as one of "non-belligerency" today and another charge effort is but a mask for an imperialistic program.

Mario Appellus, military commentator for Premier Mussolini's newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia, explained that the axis was "limiting" itself to "non-belligerency" toward the United States because of "categorical imperatives." He thus used for the first time the word which fascists employed to describe Italy's attitude before she entered the war on the side of Germany and which now is used to describe the status of Spain.

Virginia Gayda, who often speaks for the inner feeling of the regime, writing in Il Giornale d'Italia, said that United States imperialism had widened from "dollar imperialism" to a "political and military monopoly of positions and bases shown in ever wider constellations around the starry republic."

At the same time, Adolf Hitler's talks with French Vice Premier Pierre Laval and Spanish Generalissimo Francisco Franco on the French-

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## Highway Commission Wants To Know Who Will Pay For Defense Highway Program

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Oct. 24.—About 1,200 miles of the war departments 75,000 miles of the war departments 75,000 highways will be in North Carolina, and there is almost a headache per mile in that set-up for the State Highway Commission.

Main cause for these headaches is the question of who will pay for necessary work to bring these roads up to standards demanded by the defense program. Then, too, requirements for 8 and 10 foot shoulders at four-mile intervals will necessitate a lot of worry over acquisition of rights of way. And, too, unusual demands upon the state highway commission for speedy construction of roads adds to the cause already existing for headache in depleted engineering staffs.

North Carolina pays notoriously low salaries for engineering service, and within recent weeks the commission has seen many of its engineers move on to much better paid jobs in other phases of defense program work. Some of them have gone directly to government service, but the chief drain has been from consulting work at many yards, construction jobs at many yards, construction

Some weeks ago the North Carolina State Highway Commission made a survey of seven main roads, at request of the Public Roads Administration, known to be acting for the War Department, and it was found that to bring these roads and bridges up to specifications would cost approximately \$4,000,000.

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