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Knox Speech Hints Of New U. S. Policy

Secretary Calls For Use Of Navy

Navy Chief Urges Use of Naval Forces to Deal Hitler "A Smashing Blow" Even Though It Involves "Risk and Danger."

Washington, July 1.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, today called for immediate use of the Atlantic of the German navy to deal Hitler "a smashing blow" even though it involved "risk and danger" to the American navy.

Knox, who addressed the annual conference of governors, urged that the naval forces be used to deal Hitler "a smashing blow" even though it involved "risk and danger" to the American navy.

Some officials attached considerable weight to Knox's statement because of the immediate war outlook and the series of incidents affecting the United States since President

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ROYAL AIR FORCE RENEWS DAY RAIDS

London, July 1.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force renewed its daylight raids on Germany proper this afternoon, setting a large fire in a railway yard south of Odenburg, and a few hours later sent waves of bombers and fighters across the channel to blast at the Nazi-held French coast.

Raid Warning Plan Talked

Raleigh, July 1.—(AP)—Plans to enlist thousands of North Carolina civilians in an airplane warning organization were discussed today at a meeting here of officials of the State Defense Council and Army officers. Colonel John W. Harrison of N. C. State college, chairman of the council, said after the conference that the organization would begin at once. Local defense councils will be established in every county, he said, and the local councils then will call for volunteer "airplane spotters."

Increased Assessment Asked On Wealth Of Duke Heiress

Somersville, N. J., July 1.—(AP)—Fixing Duke Cromwell's wealth at \$22,436,436 over and above real and personal property already assessed at millions, Hillsborough township has asked the Somerset county tax board to add this to the tobacco heiress' tax listing for 1940 and 1941.

Russia Asks War Supplies From U. S.

Washington, July 1.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of State, disclosed today that Russia had made its first overtures toward getting supplies from the United States.

Welles said Constantine Oumansky, Soviet ambassador, had conferred with him yesterday on the placing of orders for materials for Soviet Russia to defend herself against German invasion.

35 Believed Lost At Sea

Recovery of Seven Bodies Leads to Belief Picnic Party's Boat Was Burned.

Harpwell, Maine, July 1.—(AP)—The discovery of seven bodies—some of them badly burned—led searchers to believe today that all of the 35 members of a gay picnic party who set out Sunday on the 44-foot cabin cruiser D n might have perished after fire swept the boat.

The tragedy, the worst in the memory of residents of this rocky coast, apparently occurred in the log-shrouded waters of lower Casco Bay while the party of Harford, Maine, residents was returning from Monhegan Island, 40 miles from here in the open Atlantic.

Carlton Smith, one of the many searchers, said that "undoubtedly" there had been an explosion aboard the heavily loaded boat. He spoke after bringing ashore the body of a woman who had suffered bad burns.

Wrist watches on two women whose bodies were found had stopped at the same minute—11:49. Whether the tragedy had occurred Sunday night, Monday morning or Monday night authorities were not able to determine immediately.

The boat, with 15 women and 20 men and boys aboard, had set out Sunday morning for Monhegan Island. Searchers learned that the boat arrived there and departed again at 3:30 p. m. for what ordinarily would be a four-hour run.

Horner of Hillsborough told the Somerset county board of taxation that it represented intangibles—primarily securities and cash, as distinguished from real estate and personal property.

The county tax board set the collector's petition for argument here July 14.

President Roosevelt Greet Henderson Centennial

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dear Mayor Powell: It gives me great pleasure, through you, to extend hearty greetings to the entire community on the happy occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the founding of Henderson.

That year of 1841, when the General Assembly of North Carolina granted the first municipal charter to Henderson, seems far away to us of this generation. But there is a distinct value in a celebration such as that which you are going to hold. Nothing can more unite a community than a reverence, shared by all, for the heritage which has come to them out of the struggles and sacrifices of their forebearers.

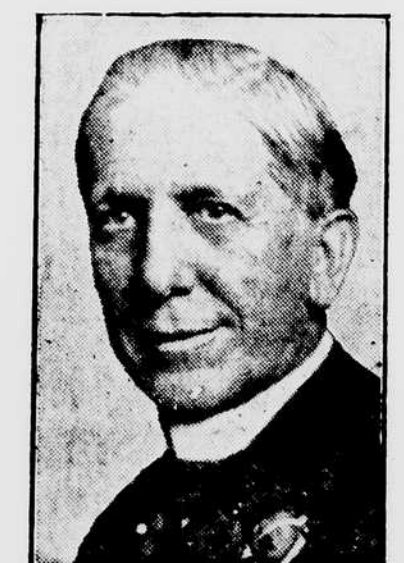
In extending greetings, may I also express the hope that all the fine things achieved during Henderson's first century may be but the prelude to greater accomplishments in the decades that lie ahead.

Very sincerely yours, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Honorable Henry T. Powell, Mayor of Henderson, Henderson, North Carolina.

Roosevelt Message Read; Lt.-Gov. Harris Speaker

Says Nation Worth Cost of Defense



Former Governor Hoyey Makes Principal Address, Declaring Nation Is Worth All That Will Be Spent for Its Defense.

Opening the three big days of the Henderson Centennial at a public speaking in the heart of the business district today, former Governor Clyde R. Hoyey, of Shelby, injected a patriotic flare into the occasion by declaring that he was not discouraged about the cost of national defense, as much as it is, that this country is worth every dollar that will be spent and more; that "we are not a huddled nation and are not going to be."

The former governor also declared that any man who is trying to impede the national defense ought to be put behind the bars, and there ought not to be any place for strikers while "our boys are being called to service."

President's Greetings. Mayor Henry T. Powell, general chairman of the Centennial, read a message of greeting from President Roosevelt, in which the President said it gave him "great pleasure to extend hearty greetings to the entire community on the happy occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the founding of Henderson." He said "nothing can more unite a community than a reverence, shared by all, for the heritage which has come to them out of the struggles and sacrifices of their forebears." He expressed the hope that "all the fine things achieved during Henderson's first century may be but the prelude to greater accomplishments in the decades that lie ahead."

Record Tax Total Collected By State During 1940-1941

Raleigh, July 1.—(AP)—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported today that the State collected a record total of \$87,392,256 in taxes during the fiscal year just ended.

The 1940-41 collections were \$11,378,115.92 more than the previous record set in 1939-40. Last year's total was in turn \$7,068,709 above 1938-39.

"These rapid increases in the volume of State revenue are all the more gratifying because they are a clear reflection of increased business volume in the State and do not represent any increased tax levies," Maxwell said.

Contributing to the huge increase in the State's revenue were record

Nazi Claims Are Sharply Contrasting

Russians Report German Advance Halted in Bitter All-Night Fighting; Nazis Report Two Tank Columns "Far East of Minsk."

(By The Associated Press) In bitter all-night fighting, Russian troops declared today they had checked the advance of German invasion forces at two main sectors of the 2,900-mile battlefront—in the Minsk-Brusik and Luck areas—where the Nazis are striking directly toward Moscow and the Soviet Ukraine.

The Germans, by contrast, asserted that two Nazi tank columns "now are far east of Minsk", capital of White Russia, and that German troops were in sight of Smolensk, 250 miles from Moscow.

The German high command said Nazi and Slovak troops were "carrying forward the pursuit of the enemy on both sides of Lwow", the gateway of the Ukraine.

"The Soviet armies surrounded between Bialystok and Minsk vainly made desperate attempts the entire day to break out of the vise," the Nazi communique said. Approximately 400,000 Russian troops were reported caught in the trap.

The German war bulletin declared that the Russians, charging in formation eight to twelve tanks deep and supported by heavy tanks, "collapsing with unusually bloody losses."

Radio reports from Stockholm said Riga, the capital of Soviet-occupied Latvia, had fallen into Nazi hands.

A Russian communique tersely sketched the huge scale conflict as follows:

"In the Minsk and Brusik directions our troops fought all night against superior forces, successfully counteracting their attempts to thrust toward the east."

The communique also declared that the Red Army had stemmed the Nazi onslaught toward the Ukraine by counter attacking and destroying German tanks.

Far up in the Arctic, the communique said, "fierce clashes with the German troops are in progress" and "the enemy is suffering considerable losses."

This was in the Murmansk area. Countering official German claims of having all but smashed the Soviet air force, the Russian high command emphasized that heavy aerial forces had been hurled into the assault on fresh Nazi troops driving toward Leningrad from Latvia.

The Germans left a clear implication that the advance "speed troops" which had limited more than 200 miles into Russia toward Smolensk—about halfway to Moscow—did not comprise an army of occupation but rather a raiding column whose presence "without doubt soon will prove

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\$5 Automobile Tax Is Recommended

O'Daniel Takes Lead

Dallas, Tex., July 1.—(AP)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel took the lead today over Lyndon Johnson, New Deal congressman, in their neck-and-neck race for the United States senatorship.

With about 1,000 ballots from Saturday's special election yet to be counted, the ex-four sidesman-executive had overcome Johnson's slim margin and forged ahead by a dozen votes.

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Washington, July 1.—(AP)—At county crossroads and in great urban centers, the United States enrolled today its military "class of 1941"—some 750,000 young men who have just reached 21.

All men—citizens or aliens—who have become 21 years of age since the first selective service registration last October must sign up, and all signs are that a good many of them will get an early call for their year of military service.

Both the War department and selective service headquarters made a point that the army is counting on today's registrations for a substantial percentage of the 900,000 trainees President Roosevelt has authorized to be inducted in the next five months.

Trainman Dies In Blast

Charlotte, July 1.—(AP)—The trainman was killed and the engineer injured seriously in a mysterious explosion of a Southern Railway freight locomotive early today on the outskirts of Charlotte.

William Scott School, 54, of Spencer, the trainman, was killed instantly when the crown sheet, an iron plate of the boiler, blew out, a Mecklenburg county police report stated.

T. G. Smith of Charlotte, the engineer, suffered a broken leg, burns and scalds.

The locomotive was on a run from Spencer to Greenville, S. C., when the explosion occurred about a half-mile above the 36th street crossing here.

House Ways and Means Committee Favors "Sticker" on Every Privately-Owned Automobile to Help Raise Defense Tax.

Washington, July 1.—(AP)—If the House ways and means committee has its way, every privately-owned automobile in the United States will be wearing a \$5 tax sticker to help raise the \$3,500,000,000 needed to pay for costs of national defense.

The committee recommended this new annual levy late yesterday along with a lot of other excise taxes designed to produce about \$733,000,000 of the additional revenue, and Chairman Douglas suggested that "sticker" receipts for the auto tax might be sold through postoffices.

Another committee recommendation likely to affect a large section of the population was that a five percent tax be imposed on all passenger transportation fares over 35 cents, whether by air, water, rail or bus.

The yield from the new excise levies plus returns from increases previously recommended in individual income, corporation excess profits, estate and gift taxes would account for about \$3,315,000,000 of the revenue sought.

As the means of raising the remaining money, the committee today looked for a way to tax soft drinks without increasing their retail prices.

AXIS RECOGNIZES WANG GOVERNMENT

Tokyo, July 1.—(AP)—Germany and Italy today accorded formal recognition to the Japanese-sponsored Nanking government of Wang Chung-wei, thereby giving fresh support to the ambitions of their ally, Japan, to dominate east Asia.

Southeast Power Facilities Linked

Washington, July 1.—(AP)—The federal power commission today ordered the southeast electric facilities linked in a vast grid to bolster the depleted power supply for defense industries in that area.

The inter-connection of private generating plants, municipal facilities and electric cooperatives was expected to make available an additional capacity of 200,000 kilowatts—an amount greater than the present capacity of the Tennessee Valley Authority's huge Wilson Dam.

The introduction of the regional grid idea in the southeast caused conjecture as to whether similar steps might be taken in other areas if the power problem should become acute.

Thus far the southeast has been the only region to confront the threat of serious power shortage. One reason has been the sharp reduction in the generation of hydro-electric power due to prolonged drought conditions.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness to-night and Wednesday occasional local showers.

Extended weather forecast for period from 7:30 p. m. July 1 to 7:30 p. m. July 6—Temperatures normal to slightly above; precipitation slight to moderate, occasional scattered daytime thundershowers.

GERMAN AIR ARM BLENDS SMOLENSK

Berlin, July 1.—(AP)—DNE, the official German news agency, reported today that the German air force had carried out a heavy two-day attack on Smolensk, 200 miles east of Minsk on the road to Moscow.

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