



INDEPENDENCE DAY

All men are created equal . . . with certain unalienable rights . . . among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

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Slaughter Of Nazis Reported

FDR Says Americans Must Pledge Lives, If Necessary

Principles Threatened, He Declares

President Repeats That Freedom Cannot Live in This Country if it Has Been Wiped Out in All Others.

Hyde Park, July 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt warned the American people today that they must be willing once more to pledge their lives, "if it be necessary," for the preservation of their cherished liberty. Americans everywhere, from President to humblest citizen, joined a moment later in a pulse-kindling Independence Day pledge of allegiance to flag and country.

Speaking by radio from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in a nationwide celebration of the Fourth of July, the Chief Executive said the fundamental principles for which Americans fought in 1776 were being struck down by tyranny abroad and threatened on this side of the Atlantic. "I tell the American people solemnly," the President declared, "that the United States will never survive as a happy and prosperous oasis of liberty in the midst of a desert of dictatorship. And so it is that when we repeat the great pledge to our country and to our flag it must be our deep conviction that we pledge as well our work, our will, and if it be necessary our lives."

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CALYPSO MAN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Goldboro, July 4.—(AP)—Carl Jimette, 50, a salesman from Calypso, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Faison about 11 o'clock this morning. Chief of Police J. E. Johnson, of Mt. Olive, said that Jimette was found in the wreckage of his automobile beside the highway and that he died on the way to a Mt. Olive hospital. Cause of the accident was not immediately determined.

Tripoli Hit In Heavy Raid

Cairo, July 4.—(AP)—A heavy British air raid on Tripoli, the capital and chief base of Libya, for the second successive night was reported by the RAF today. This raid, last night, was one of a series of sweeping air bombardments over north Africa and Syria, a communiqué said. Big bombers set fire to two ships, each of about 5,000 tons. Outside the Tripoli harbor another vessel was found still burning as a result of the raid the night before, the communiqué said. The Tripoli airbase also was bombed and machine gunned, it added, and at least one Italian plane was destroyed besides several others heavily damaged.

SPIRIT OF 1776 FLAMES AGAIN IN 1941



Two Strikes In Effect

Work Delayed on Air Corps Project; New York City's Milk Supply Threatened.

(By The Associated Press.)

Two strikes, one delaying work on an important Army air corps project and another threatening New York City's milk supply, engaged labor's interest today in the midst of the nation's holiday celebration.

War department officials expressed mounting concern over the strike of 1,500 AFL building trades workers at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., where the air corps plans to begin training recruits on September 1. The AFL men walked out in protest to employment of about 60 WPA workers in painting 28 out of 264 new buildings.

Work on the expansion project is less than one-fourth completed, it was said.

New York's milk strike, precipitated by 23,000 dairy farmer union members in an effort to force higher prices, took a graver turn when an organized group of 30,000 other milk producers announced they would aid the union providing Owen D. Young, retired industrialist, would lead the strike.

In another strike dating from March 14 union members asked President Roosevelt to take over the American Potash and Chemical Corporation plant at Trona, Cal., "in the interest of the American public."

BRITISH TANK FORCE REPULSED IN LIBYA

Rome, July 4.—(AP)—British tanks, making a thrust outside the defenses of besieged Tobruk in Libya, were forced back by fascist fire, the Italian high command said today. Italian planes bombed fortifications around the port and attacked a railroad center in Egypt, the high command added.

Army Gets New Dive Bombers

RAF Raids Kept Intact

London, July 4.—(AP)—The RAF, keeping intact its string of day and night air blows against Germany, swept back across the channel this afternoon in a new offensive against German-occupied France. The daylight assault followed a night raid in which the air ministry said Essen, site of the Krupp works, was a main target and fires were started there and elsewhere in the Ruhr valley. With visibility better than in recent days the day raiders flew high, apparently loaded for the invasion coast area between Boulogne and Dieppe.

British Occupy Deire-Ez-Zor

Cairo, July 4.—(AP)—Occupation of Deire-Ez-Zor by a British Indian force driving into eastern Syria from Iraq along the Suphrates river was reported today by the Middle East command.

At Deire-Ez-Zor, on the line of advance across Syria toward Aleppo, site of an important air base, and the Mediterranean coast near the Turkish frontier, a potential avenue of retreat for the Vichy force—the communiqué said the British seized five guns, two warplanes and many vehicles.

It reported no important developments on other fronts in Syria, East Africa or North Africa.

FELICITATIONS
Tokyo, July 4.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito sent President Roosevelt a message today congratulating the United States on the 165th anniversary of independence.

Deliveries Are Begun

Six Squadrons of Improved Planes to be Organized by November at Least.

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—The Army air force has started to receive regular deliveries of dive bombers, it was learned today, and plans have been completed for organizing by November at least six squadrons of these improved American counterparts of Germany's Junkers Ju-87s.

Authorities indicated that approximately 100 dive bombers would be available for use in full maneuvers when American troops will receive their first large scale training in the coordinated employment of air and ground forces. Initial deliveries of the Army's new, highly specialized dive bombing planes began last month and the air force's combat command now has about a dozen on hand.

As the number in service increases.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms to night and Saturday; probably heavy rain locally in west portion; not so warm Saturday.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. July 4 to 7:30 p. m. July 9.—Rainfall heavy in most sections, showers and thunderstorms first half northern section and occasional thundershowers throughout the period in southern portion; cooler in the Carolinas and Georgia.

RAF Loses 21 Planes

Berlin, July 4.—(AP)—British raid against Germany and German-occupied territory yesterday cost the RAF 21 planes against only two German planes missing, the high command declared today. The communiqué said eleven raiders were downed in attempted British daylight attacks on the channel coast and ten in night raids in which it acknowledged only "important damages" to war industries at Bremen.

Holiday Death Toll Mounts Rapidly

Violent deaths claimed at least 22 victims today before Independence Day was more than a few hours old. By noon (EST) 9 a. m. on the Pacific coast 15 persons had been killed in traffic accidents and seven by other causes, including drownings, falls and one airplane accident in Florida. With a three-day holiday weekend forthcoming, the National Safety Council estimated there would be 475 traffic deaths, 195 more than what the council calls a normal toll for a July weekend. There were 128 violent deaths recorded last July 4—a mid-week holiday. Of those 63 were from auto accidents.

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Jap Move Is Rumored

Unconfirmed Reports Say Japanese Preparing for Drive into French Indo-China.

Shanghai, July 4.—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports circulated in Shanghai tonight that the Japanese army and navy are preparing to move within a fortnight against southern French Indo-China and metropolitan Szechwan, its chief port and metropolitan base. That was the gist of several reports concerning Japan's next move—many of which could be confirmed and all of which were either denied or discounted by Japanese spokesmen here. Non-Japanese officials, however, recalled that in the past intimations of impending Japanese action have leaked out and have been similarly denied.

It was reported that the Japanese plan was also to demand air bases in Thailand for the ostensible purpose of bombing China's Burma Road. Actually, some observers believed, the purpose of these moves would be to create a new crisis in the Far East, threaten Singapore and the Dutch East Indies and thereby encourage any relaxation of United States restrictions on the Pacific which might permit additional aid to Britain and China.

Some informed persons expressed belief that Germany demanded that Japan make such a move in return for the axis recognition this week of the Japanese-sponsored regime of Wang Ching-Wei.

TRIAL AIR RAID ALARM IN MOSCOW

Moscow, July 4.—(AP)—A trial air raid alarm was staged this morning in Moscow beginning at 1:45 a. m. and ending one hour and 20 minutes later. It marked the third time the sirens had been sounded in the capital since the start of the war with Germany.

Reds Claim Dead Litter Battlefield

Russians Declare Three Main German Offensives Blocked—Hitler's Headquarters Report Pursuit of Soviet Forces.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's invasion armies are approaching the main Soviet defense barriers—the mystery-veiled "Stalin Line"—the Germans declared today, while the Russians reported a vast slaughter of Nazi troops in two-day-old fighting along the bloody Beresina river, 400 miles west of Moscow. The Stalin line in Russia is composed supposedly of a counterpart of France's Maginot Line and extends from the Ukraine to the Gulf of Finland. The Berlin radio asserted vaguely that at least one Nazi spearhead had knifed beyond the Germans' furthest World War penetration of Russia.

(By The Associated Press.) Russia's high command today reported a vast slaughter of German troops in the second day of fighting along the bloody Beresina river, 400 miles west of Moscow, with "thousands of German dead blazing tanks and enemy aircraft" littering the battlefield.

The Red Army declared that the three main German offensives into the USSR had now been checked by a decisive "Stalin" line and that in one section 100 Nazi tanks had been destroyed. In the Minsk area, on the central front, the Berlin radio reported that Soviet troops failed in an attempt to smash through a Nazi encirclement and that 20,000 Russians had been captured.

Countering official German claims that the backbone of the Red Army was "broken," a Soviet communiqué declared also that men invading Russia suffered a heavy defeat during the night in the Bobruisk sector, 100 miles west of Minsk. Further, Adolf Hitler's headquarters asserted that pursuit relentlessly along the whole eastern front.

The Nazi high command de-

Bombers Dive On Bremen

London, July 4.—(AP)—Big British bombers, diving 50 feet over the rooftops of Bremen in broad daylight, scored direct hits on a large factory in the waterfront area of the German port and ship building city, the air ministry reported today. The RAF gave Bremen only a short breathing spell after the night snuff of British raiders had left it. The morning attacks there preceded a sweep across the channel this afternoon in a new offensive against Nazi-occupied France as the RAF kept intact its string of day and night air blows. Besides unloading their explosives from 50 feet over the big factory, the air ministry said, heavy Blenheim bombers attacked a freight and railroad junction northwest of Bremen and machine gunned planes on an airfield.