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# German Division Annihilated

## Heavy Fighting Continues In Syria

### Taft Says Navy Plans Irish Base

Republican Senator Says He Has Reliable Authority for Statement; Knox and Stark Summoned Before Committee.

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, told the Senate today that he had heard weeks ago "on reliable authority" that the United States was constructing a naval air base for Great Britain in northern Ireland.

"Since I made the first draft of this speech," Taft added in an address, "Mr. Wendell Willkie, after a call upon the President, announced that in his opinion we should establish military bases both in northern Ireland and in Scotland."

"The occupation of Ireland would relieve perhaps a half-million British troops for service elsewhere, and put a half-million American boys into the British island."

"A base in Ireland would be much more effective to protect shipping than a base in Iceland. Every argument that has been used for the occupation of Iceland applies to Ireland and England and Portugal."

Taft contended that the landing of United States troops in Ireland was an act "exactly equivalent to aggressive war" and one which the President had no right to take without authority from Congress.

If the occupation of Ireland is defense, Taft said, "then any act the President cares to order is defense."

In another development, the Senate naval committee voted to summon Secretary Knox and Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, to testify tomorrow on reports that United States Navy units have engaged in actual combat with German vessels.

Chairman Walsh, Democrat, Mass.—

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### House Passes Deferment Bill

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—The House approved today legislation providing for the mandatory deferment from military training of men who were 28 years or older on July 1, and who have not been drafted.

Then the members started discussing an amendment by Representative Elston, Republican, Ohio, to permit men 29 or older who have been inducted into service to be discharged upon their own request.

The Elston proposal was defeated, 113 to 103, on a teller vote, after

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### State Railway Bond Issue Is Asked

Raleigh, July 10.—(AP)—Plans to improve the roadbed of the State-controlled Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and possibly to build a spur line to Cherry Point advanced another step today when Attorney General Harvey McMillan asked the Utilities commission to approve issuance of \$200,000 in improvement bonds.

The railroad, which runs from Morehead City to Goldsboro, now is operated under lease by the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway.

The act of the legislature authorized the State to borrow up to \$200,000 for the railroad, providing the borrowing was authorized by the governor and the council of state, Grounion and the council already have authorized issuance of \$50,000 of that total.

The spur line to Cherry Point will be necessitated if the proposed \$14,999,000 Marine base is constructed there.

### HOW THE REDS MEET THE NAZI BLITZ



First radiophotos from the RCA experimental station in Moscow, flashed to New York, this picture shows a column of Russian motorcyclists. According to the caption issued by the Russians, these men participated in the early clash which opposed the Nazi panzer divisions on their dash into the Ukraine.

### Strike Hits Auto Plant

18,500 Chrysler Workers Idle Following Strike in Detroit Upholstery Plant.

(By The Associated Press.) A shutdown of four Chrysler automobile plants at Detroit was attributed today to a strike at an automobile upholstery factory in the same city.

Approximately 18,500 Chrysler workers were made idle by the walkout of CIO workers at the plant of National Automotive Fibers, Inc. Behind the strike was the union's demand for increased wages upon expiration of the present labor contract August 1.

At the Wickes Boiler Company plant at Saginaw, Mich., members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee struck, making undisclosed wage demands. The Wickes factory manufactures boilers for Army camps.

Federal Conciliator James F. Dewey declared that unless the strike at the upholstery plant were settled quickly, other automotive factories would be affected.

AFL electrical workers who walked off a construction job on the government project at Charleston, Ind., agreed to come back to work today while their union agents negotiated with the War department for higher pay. When 400 electricians walked off Tuesday, their spokesmen said adjacent defense plants were paying \$150 a hour for similar work while workers at Charleston were drawing \$130 1-2.

### Gayda Blasts U. S. Action

Rome, July 10.—(AP)—The authoritative fascist editor, Virginio Gayda, observed today that American and British troops in Ireland were "the targets for eventual legitimate attack by Germany."

Writing in the newspaper *Il Giornale d'Italia*, he added: "Every day American bellicosity has identified itself without equivocation as a deliberate provocation of some incident, or rather of a war between Europe and the United States."

Gayda and other commentators attacked Wendell L. Willkie for his statement favoring the establishment of U. S. military bases in northern Ireland and Scotland.

This was called a step in "the race to inherit the British empire."

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Considerable cloudiness with scattered thundershowers Friday and in the interior this afternoon or tonight.

### BRITISH BOMB ITALIAN CITIES

Glass Chosen For Honor

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—A conference of Senate Democrats unanimously selected 83-year-old Senator Carter Glass, Democrat, Virginia, today to be president pro-tempore of the chamber in which he has served for 21 years.

Glass will succeed the late Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, when the Senate ratifies today's conference selection.

### Germans See U. S.-British Cooperation

Berlin, July 10.—(AP)—The United States occupation of Iceland was viewed in authorized Berlin quarters today as evidence of far-reaching British-American cooperation in a war zone.

The impression here was said to be that the British do not intend to withdraw their forces from Iceland and that American and British soldiers there will stand together against Germany.

The spokesmen said reports had appeared in the British press that Germany had sent energetic notes to France, Spain and Portugal urging them to stiffen resistance against "American invasion," but these he flatly denied. "There have been no such notes and they are not necessary," he said.

### Hope Remains For Nurses

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—National headquarters of the American Red Cross, refusing to give up hope for seven nurses and one Red Cross worker captured last at sea, waited anxiously today for further information from the Navy or the State department.

Six of the nurses who sailed June 5 for England aboard a British vessel are missing. Red Cross officials reported their ship was torpedoed about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Ruth Breckenridge, society woman of Winston-Salem, N. C., a volunteer, was aboard the Dutch ship *Maasdam*, sunk several days after it sailed from an Atlantic port early in June.

Syracuse Raided In Daylight; 14 Civilians Killed, 30 Injured at Naples.

Rome, July 10.—(AP)—Renewal of British air attacks on Italy proper after a lapse of many weeks was reported today by the Italian high command—a low-level daylight thrust at Syracuse and a blow by night at Naples, which resulted in 14 civilians killed and 30 injured. (Whether these were to be isolated operations or the opening of a sustained offensive similar to the RAF's action against Germany, now more than a month old, remained to be seen. So far as the Italian command indicated, the two places were attacked without challenge from the Italian air force.)

(Naples, on the Italian mainland, was last bombed in January. Syracuse is about 250 miles to the south, on the southeast coast of the big island of Sicily. Sicilian airports and other objectives have been bombed repeatedly by the British to counter-act axis operations in north Africa.)

### RAF Raids Despite Fog

London, July 10.—(AP)—Flying through banks of fog, RAF bombers and fighters swept back today over the English channel again today and explosions soon were heard from the French coast.

Watches on the southeast coast said visibility was poor and that machine gun fire was heard from above the channel.

The day's attacks followed overnight attacks by the RAF against western Germany and the French coast.

Nazi armaments scattered light attacks on the British Isles during the night.

### Stocks Now Very Cheap, Babson Analysis Shows

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Babson Park, Mass., July 10.—It is not the function of this column to forecast the stock market. It is, however, by duty to give certain facts to readers. This week, these pertain to the stock market.

### Statements From Vichy Contradict

Puzzling Complications Develop in Connection With Vichy Proposal to End Conflict; Darlan Confers With Germans.

Vichy, July 10.—(AP)—The French high command in Syria declared tonight that Britain has ignored its request for an armistice and "combats are therefore continuing with their accompaniment of violence and devastation."

The communiqué added that "the responsibility for it does not rest with France."

Vichy, July 10.—(AP)—A Vichy proposal of armistice to end the month-old Syrian war between Vichy forces and British imperial troops and their de Gaulle comrades-in-arms ran into puzzling complications today as Vice Premier Admiral Jean Darlan returned from Paris conferring with German officials.

The war continued and a contradiction in Vichy statements cropped up. Yesterday the authoritative Telemont news agency announced that Vichy was studying allied conditions for an armistice, requested by General Henri Dentz, high commissioner and commander in chief in Syria and Lebanon.

Today a French statement said: "No reply has yet been made by the British authorities to General Dentz, who, on the contrary, found himself faced with redoubled British attacks on all fronts and who learned with sorrow that pamphlets offensive to his dignity and military honor were being distributed at Beirut by British agents."

Dentz asked for terms on Tuesday. As a prelude to possibly part of the armistice the British demanded Wednesday that Beirut, capital of Lebanon, be declared an open city and yielded without bloodshed to the allied siege forces. French sources called this an ultimatum to Dentz and said it was conveyed in leaflets dropped on Beirut by the RAF.

(A Berlin spokesman said that Vichy actually had received British terms and declined them as "conditions such as would be imposed on the bitterest enemy and scarcely on a former ally for whom England still professes concern and hope.")

### Luftwaffe Bombs Suez

Berlin, July 10.—(AP)—Strong bomber forces of the Luftwaffe struck into Britain's Suez Canal defense zone during the night, the German high command reported today, and set fire to hangars west of Ismailia.

Unofficial reports, preceding the high command communiqué, said that three hangars were set afire.

The communiqué also said that a British destroyer off Salami in the Egyptian-Libyan frontier zone, received bomb hits. Unofficial quarters said the warship was seriously damaged.

### Symbol of Unity



British Prime Minister Winston Churchill lends a hand in setting the famous Canadian Victory Torch in place at his official London residence, 10 Downing Street. The symbol of Canada's cooperation in the war was presented to Churchill by Canadian Minister of Pensions Ian Mackenzie (background).

(Central Press)

### FDR Asks Army Fund

\$4,770,065,588 Appropriation Said to be Part of \$15,000,000,000 Program.

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for an appropriation of \$4,770,065,588 for the War department "for the further strengthening of the national defense."

Authoritative sources, predicting this step, had said it was part of a \$15,000,000,000 program for defense and lease-lend operations.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said the \$4,770,065,588 would be used largely for armaments and to meet the new situation involving increased armaments requirements.

The new Army appropriation will be mostly for buying in large stocks of ordnance and ammunition, and also will provide for the purchase of considerable equipment of various types, it was said. The request was said to be for a straight cash appropriation in this instance.

### BERNIE EVACUATED

Ankara, July 10.—(AP)—French sources here said tonight that Vichy troops evacuated Beirut last night and withdrew to the north under orders from General Henri Dentz, the Syrian high commissioner. It was believed that Australian troops would occupy the city today.

### 'Direct List' Plan Defended

Lexington, Ky., July 10.—(AP)—An American Tobacco Company official testified at the stock market anti-trust trial today that his firm's "direct" customer list was established as the most effective way of handling distribution of its products.

The witness, Edmund A. Harvey of New York city, American Tobacco Company secretary, named a number of distributors on American's "direct list" which he said were not on the lists of both R. J. Reynolds and Liggett and Myers Co., the other two of the "big three" company defendants.

The government contends the "big three" kept the same concerns on their respective lists and granted those listed "preferential" discounts totaling 12 percent in order to control sales outlets.

### Reds Claim Main Front Lines Hold

Berlin Radio Asserts Five Heavy Bunkers of Stalin Line Captured and 110 Soviet Warplanes Destroyed.

(By The Associated Press.) Annihilation of a German motorized division of some 15,000 men in the blocking of Nazi drives toward Moscow and Leningrad was reported by the Russians today, while the German high command again hid details of the titanic battle raging along a 2,000-mile front.

On the vital 300-mile central front, a Soviet war bulletin declared Red Army troops were inflicting terrible losses on the invaders and holding fast.

The Berlin radio asserted Nazi engineers "back" troops had stormed and captured five heavy bunkers of the Stalin line "after bitter fighting," and claimed destruction of 110 Soviet warplanes.

Moreover, the radio said, German columns advancing against the Stalin defense system had destroyed 123 Russian panzer units "and put the rest to flight."

In the south, the Hungarian high command reported the capture of 25,000 Soviet prisoners by German and Hungarian troops knifing into Galicia.

The Germans, silent on any specific gains, declared the world's two largest armies were now fighting a decisive battle.

The Nazi high command also confirmed the capture of Salta, fortified Russian town on the Finnish border, after a Red Army division was said to have been "crushed" in several days of fighting.

In general terms, the Nazis reported that the left wing of Germany's Baltic army was pounding two spearheads into Russian defenses—one directed at Tallinn, capital of Estonia; the other aimed at Leningrad, Russia's second biggest city, at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

Roughly, the main battle line ran from Ostrov, near the Latvian-Estonian frontier, thence 100 miles south to Polotsk, 100 miles southwest to Rostov, on the Minsk to Moscow highway, and 100 miles southeast to Bobruisk, on the Berezina river.

### DEFENSE HOUSING PROGRAM PLANNED

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—Charles F. Palmer, defense housing coordinator, told Congress yesterday that construction of at least 125,000 family dwelling units before July 1, 1942, was contemplated due to expanding defense activities.

Testifying before the house public building and grounds committee, Palmer urged an additional \$500,000,000 housing program.

President Roosevelt asked Congress in a message for authority to launch a \$300,000,000 program in addition to a \$200,000,000 program already under way.

### Heavier Raids On Berlin Coming Soon

London, July 10.—(AP)—The increasing flow of American-made bombers soon will enable Britain to exact manifold retaliation on Berlin for the German bombardments of London. Britain's new minister of aircraft production, Lieutenant Colonel J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, declared today.

It will not be many months, he said, before Berlin hears the sirens of such attacks.

"Those famous Wednesday and Saturday nights (when London was heavily raided) will be child's play, compared with the raids we will be able to make on Berlin," he said.

Speaking for the government in today's installment of House of Commons debate on arms production, Moore-Brabazon said "we are getting more moderate weight-carrying bombers and also big ones. I finally hope to get every single machine from the United States by air."

The ferry service, thus far, has applied only to bombers capable of the trans-Atlantic flight.