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Bather Floats 16 Hours in Tube



Eleanor Maldonado, 19, of New York City, is shown back home with the patched inner tube that saved her life. She was floating in the tube at Cedar Beach, N. J., when a current swept her far from shore. After sixteen hours she was rescued many miles away by a passing boat. (Central Press)

FDR Declares

U. S. TO DEFEND ICELAND POST

President Declares Roosevelt Wants Longer Army Service

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today it was the policy of the United States to defend Iceland and also to afford protection for the American garrison in the North Atlantic island.

Therefore, he told a press conference, it is what he termed ABC stuff to keep open the sea lanes to Iceland. The orders, he said, are to provide protection against attack or any threat of attack.

As he added that no one in the room, including himself, could see any threat of attack.

Mr. Roosevelt dismissed the Iceland situation in response to this question:

"What is being done to keep the sea lanes to Iceland open?"

"He ordered a patrol of the seas and the fleet in the area to keep the sea lanes open."

He said it was felt by all military authorities who have the best access to information and knowledge of the defense needs of the nation and hemisphere that the possible occupation of Iceland by an untried power would be a serious blow at national and hemispheric defense.

So it is necessary to continue to keep open the sea lanes to Iceland.

That operation has been planned, he said, but he has not gone to tell of future movements of troops.

"The other word," Mr. Roosevelt declared, "is that I don't think it right that I should play a Wheeler."

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Mont., critic of administration foreign policy, had said ahead of an official announcement that American forces would occupy Iceland.

Bendix Strike To Mediators

The national defense mediation board today took more attempts to settle a strike at the Bendix, N. J., factory where six men were injured yesterday in a flare of violence on the picket line.

In certifying the dispute to the mediation board, the Labor department said CIO workers at Air Associates, Inc., were demanding a union contract and reinstatement of men allegedly discharged for union activity.

The union started picketing the plant last Saturday. When a group of workers attempted to enter the plant at the start of the day shift yesterday, men and women who were gathered about the gates showered the workers' automobiles with rocks. Police dispersed the crowd with tear gas.

The firm has defense orders for aviation equipment.

Rain Drenches Bloody Battlefields As

Nazis Claim Success

Konoye Forms New Cabinet

Hiranuma No. 2 Man Of Regime

Matsuoka, Former Foreign Minister Who Negotiated Conflict Pacts, is Replaced by Little Known Teijiro Toyoda.

Tokyo, July 18.—(AP)—Prince Konoye formed a streamlined cabinet today with himself again as premier, the totalitarian-minded Baron Kichiro Hiranuma as vice premier and with membership weighted in a military naval sense by three admirals and four generals.

Yoshi Matsuoka, who concluded the neutrality pact with Soviet Russia after signing Japanese peace with the axis as foreign minister in the preceding Konoye government, was not.

He was succeeded by a prominent naval expert, Teijiro Toyoda, whose foreign policy outlook is little known.

The Chinese press at Hongkong said that the chief motive of the reorganization was to tear up the neutrality agreement with Russia.

The Japanese press forecast a considered, cautious foreign policy and the Tokyo stock market seemed unaffected by the cabinet changes.

Toyoda had been minister of commerce and industry in the second Konoye cabinet, which resigned two years ago. He took that post after a reshuffle last April 4 which left him from the post of vice minister of navy. Today he is assumed not only foreign minister but minister of overseas affairs as well.

Cotton Closes 10-14 Higher

New York, July 18.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 10 to 14 higher, middling spot 16.66, up 1/4.

	Open	Close
October	15.02	15.81
December	15.72	15.91
January	15.76	15.82
March	15.33	15.90
May	15.82	15.99-00
July	15.82	15.98

State And Federal Agencies Aid Farmers In Marketing

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the St. Walter Hotel. BY HENRY WATKINS.

Raleigh, July 18.—(AP)—An announcement that the State Department of Agriculture is conducting a survey to obtain information to aid in formulating a better marketing program for farmers of western North Carolina draws attention to the many agencies and activities of the government (state and federal) now actively functioning to provide a better marketing system for agricultural products.

The specific aim of the announced survey will "look to the establishment of markets and general marketing work in the western counties and that will enable farmers to take advantage of expanding markets under the national defense program and to sell on other markets," according to Commissioner W. Kerr Scott.

The commissioner cited as parts of the general marketing program for farmers the following agencies and activities:

- (1) Marketing news service, (2) cotton classing and marketing news services, (3) federal-state inspection, (4) federal inspection of tobacco, (5) classified advertisement of sales and exchanges, (6) and in selling purchased livestock, (7) supervision of livestock marketing, (8) a certified seed program, (9) assistance in surplus commodity marketing, (10) warehousing of agricultural products, and (11) market-

Pickets Defy Gas In Jersey Aviation Strike



Defying clouds of tear gas and bullets, which were fired over their heads by the police, pickets of the plant of Air Associates, Inc., in Bendon, N. J., today held a strike over dismissal of nine employees. The CIO United Automobile Workers, Aviation Division, called the strike over dismissal of nine employees. The plant is turning out aircrafts, propeller blades and other aviation items for the government.

Seven Enter Guilty Plea Jap Cabinet Shift May Presage Move

Innocent Pleas on Espionage Charges Entered by 23 Others; Two Fail to Appear.

New York, July 18.—(AP)—Seven of 33 persons indicted on espionage charges linking them with the German secret government fled to safety in Brooklyn federal court today while 23 others pleaded innocent and two failed to appear. One other person had pleaded guilty.

All were charged with having fed three weeks ago federal officials suspecting they were spies.

Federal Judge Clarence G. Gurnea set bail at \$25,000 each for those who pleaded innocent and set

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Czechoslovaks To Aid Reds

London, July 18.—(AP)—Czechoslovak soldiers who are operating under the Red flag in East Prussia will fight against Germany, it was agreed in a pact today and support they will give to the government of Soviet Russia and the Soviet government of Czechoslovakia.

The pact was signed by the Czechoslovak government and the Soviet government.

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Increased Tension in Pacific Believed in Prospect; London Sees Swing From Axis Influence; Berlin Comment Guarded.

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—The possibility of a swing from Axis influence in the Pacific and whether it would be a result of military or political action was the subject of a discussion today by the members of the National Security Council.

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Hopkins Pledges Ships

Spain Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

Prominent Lawyer Dies Unexpectedly

U. S. Seeks More Latin America Trade

Big Russian Plane Depot Captured

Germans Report 1,500 Planes, Equipment and Prisoners Taken; Soviets Declare "No Significant Change" In Struggle.

(By The Associated Press.)
Rain drenched the bloody Russian-German war front today, threatening to bog down Adolf Hitler's mechanized armies at a critical moment in the 27-day-old campaign, but the Nazi high command asserted that "titanic battles on the eastern front are developing in our favor in all directions."

By contrast, the Soviet high command declared that after violent all-night fighting the Red armies were still holding all vital positions with "no significant changes" in the vast struggle of nine million men.

Despite the rain, Berlin said German troops were driving toward Leningrad, Russia's second biggest city, and capturing Russian airplane depots with 1,500 planes and also seized 1,000 trucks, 1,000 tanks and 1,000 motor vehicles, heavy losses to the Soviets.

Beyond this claim, the German high command asserted that a sweeping Soviet victory was "in sight."

Soviet dispatches pictured Red army troops as valiantly assailing the flank of the German drive toward Moscow, inflicting suicidal resistance at many strategic points behind the main frontlines and conducting a constant guerrilla warfare.

A Soviet communique again spoke of heavy fighting during the night in the Bobruisk sector on the south side of the Smolensk salient where the Germans have crashed through the center of the Stalin line.

It said in the Bobruisk area that Moscow reported 8,000 troops had spent a powerful counter-offensive during the German back-swing. The Dispatch said the more than 100 miles.

The main fighting was reported by the Soviets still to be in the Smolensk area, 200 miles west of Moscow, in the Pskov-Porkhov section, 100 miles southwest of Leningrad, and the Volensk sector, 150 miles west of Kiev.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Mostly cloudy, occasional showers and thunderstorms this afternoon, tonight and Saturday.

Extended forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. July 18, to 7:30 p. m. July 23.—South Atlantic States: Moderate to heavy showers in north portion first half and over south and central portions throughout period; cooler in north portion Sunday and Monday, otherwise temperatures near normal.

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