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Jap Moves in Indo-China



Japan is reported preparing to land troops on the southeast coast of French Indo-China within striking distance of the Philippines, Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies, following French acceptance of Japanese demands for military facilities there. Japanese warships were reported off Saigon and troop transports were said to be en route from Hanoi to Saigon. Vichy previously had granted northern Indo-China bases, including Hanoi, to Japan. (Central Press)

Japanese Ships Silenced And

Million Men Mobilized

Russians Annihilate Nazi Division

Nazi Planes Driven Off At Moscow

Bitter Battles, Russians Declare, Continued all Last Night on Three Fronts; Reports Indicate Germans Stalled.

Moscow, July 25. — (AP)—Soviet troops defending the road to Moscow were reported today to have wiped out an entire German infantry division near Smolensk, and the Russian capital's air defenses were credited officially with beating off a fourth successive night assault by the Luftwaffe.

Bitter battles, the morning war bulletin declared, continued all last night not only at Smolensk but also in the sector west of Kiev, the area on the Crimean front north of Lake Ladoga, and the Porkhov section south of Leningrad.

In all sectors the Russians were said to be battling "stubbornly." Annihilation of the main division was claimed in a communication which indicated the Germans were throwing great masses of troops into action in an effort to smash Russian resistance in the Smolensk area, some 230 miles west of Moscow.

There was no hint in the bulletin that the German offensive had gained any ground either in the Smolensk sector or elsewhere.

Heavy fighting was reported in the vicinity of Porkhov, 150 miles south of Leningrad, and Zhitomir, 75 miles west of Kiev on the Ukraine front—sectors which have been mentioned.

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Proposed Measure Would Freeze All Cotton Loan Stock

Senate Agriculture Committee Approves Measure to "Keep Government-Owned Cotton From Breaking the Market."

Washington, July 25. — (AP)—In a move to support recent increases in cotton prices, the Senate agriculture committee today attached a rider that would freeze all government-owned cotton stocks to House-approved legislation dealing with wheat marketing.

Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, said the Senate committee action was an effort "to keep the cotton market from breaking."

At the same time Senators Smith and Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, decided to delay their effort to pass anti-price fixing on farm produce through a second rider to the wheat marketing bill.

"The committee will deal with this free farm law," Smith said. "This might be wrong, but it's correct."

The Senate price-fixing rider passed Sunday will freeze cotton loan stocks without objection, but the House has not acted on it. The committee action today merely attached the Senate bill to one that passed the House without objection.

Members of Congress from the cotton-producing South have protested recent food government officials might

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WILSON YOUTH DIES OF CRASH INJURIES

Wilson, July 25. — (AP)—Miller Williams, 17, of Wilson, died last night in a Wilmington hospital of injuries suffered yesterday morning when an automobile overturned on the Wilmington-Carolina Beach highway. Jimmy O'Brien suffered a skull fracture and Charles Jordan minor injuries. James Corbett and James Teel were injured.

Letters Introduced In Leaf Trial

Lexington, Ky., July 25. — (AP)—Federal Judge H. Church Ford today permitted introduction in the tobacco anti-trust trial of correspondence between the Tobacco Merchants Association and defendant leaf firms relative to tobacco tax legislation.

He ruled that the letters were material only as tending to show the defendants used the association, located in New York City, to bring about agreed action.

The subject matter, he held, was not particularly relevant and he did not permit the letters to be read to the jury.

The letters were introduced on the third day of questioning Charles Dushkind, managing director of the association, which the government contends the defendants used in violation of the anti-trust law.

Defense attorneys maintained the association is "innocuous" and that the letters were for an "innocent person."

Ecuador Calls Men To Arms

Quito, Ecuador, July 25. — (AP)—The Ecuadorian government, engaged in border conflict with Peru, today summoned for military service men born in 1915 to 1919.

They are to report within five days. Newspaper dispatches reported heavy Peruvian bombings but no casualties.

A military communiqué last night said the Ecuadorian forces repulsed many attacks along the border yesterday, despite numerical superiority of the Peruvians.

Jap Cabinet Is Mystery

Stewart Says Washington Observers Cannot Forecast Attitude of New Group.

By CHARLES F. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, July 25. — Japan's recent cabinet reshuffle still is being minutely studied in Washington, but it doesn't mean much yet to American statesmen.

Some of our analysts are of the opinion that it was a pro-axis and anti-British reorganization, which incidentally would make it anti-American. Some believe it was more anti-Russian than any other one thing, though that too would make it more or less anti-British and anti-American, since the British now are actually allied with the Russians and we've wished 'em well in their fight with the axis.

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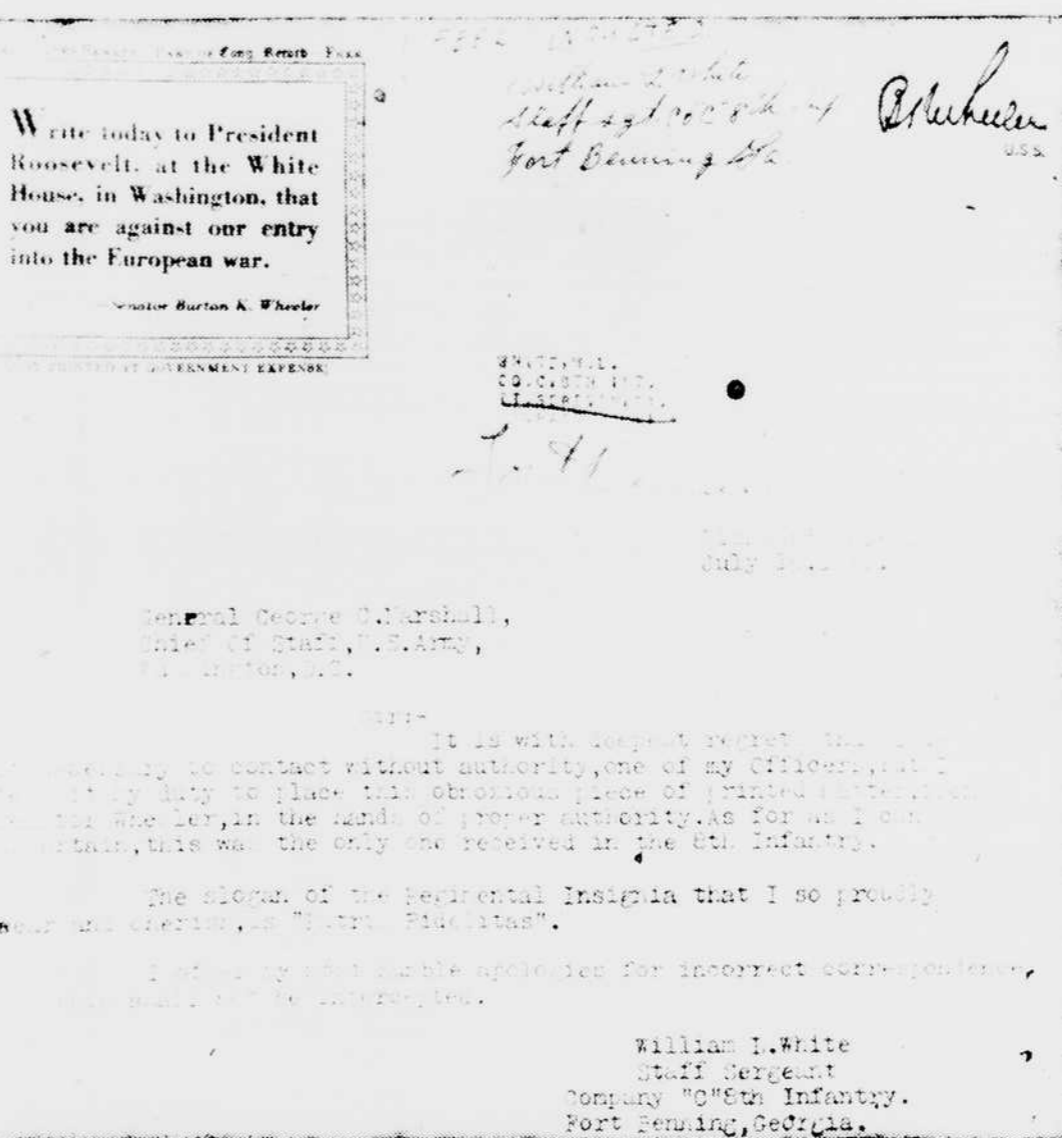
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New Blacklist Is Prepared

Washington, July 25. — (AP)—President Roosevelt's economic warfare committee is collecting a list of German and Italian firms in Europe and Asia as the nucleus of a new blacklist to supplement the recent compilation of 1,833 Latin American firms to which it is prohibited to export American goods.

Investigations to this end have been undertaken, it was learned, in Japan, China, Thailand, Sweden, Switzerland, unoccupied France, Spain, Portugal and Finland.

Wheeler Card Denounced by Secretary Stimson



Top is a copy of one of the postal cards Senator Burton K. Wheeler sent out under his frank urging officers and men of the army to oppose American entry into the War. This card was addressed to Sergeant William I. White, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., who writing that he was "outraged" forwarded the card with a letter (bottom) to General George C. Marshall, chief of staff. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson termed the Montana senator's action as "very near to subversive activities against the U. S., if not treason."

MOVE PROMISED BY U. S.

'Smear Campaign'

Wheeler Charges President and Stimson With Seeking to Discredit Opponents.

Washington, July 25. — (AP)—Senator Wheeler, Republican, Montana, contended today that President Roosevelt and Secretary Stimson were seeking to conduct a "smear campaign" against him and Charles A. Lindbergh because of their opposition to administration foreign policy.

Stimson fell in press conference

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You Can Pay Your Money ...And Take Your Choice

British Say— Nazis Say—

London, July 25. — (AP)—Large fires and great damage were left in the German naval bases of Kiel and Emden when the RAF finished night raids there, the air ministry announced today.

While Kiel, on the Baltic, and Emden on the North sea, were being hammered, other RAF forces attacked objectives at Wilhelmshaven and Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and blasted air fields in German-occupied France. Five British planes were acknowledged lost.

At the same time it was reported authoritatively that the RAF shot down 30 German planes during offensive sweeps yesterday.

Great Britain put on her biggest bombing show of the war, the air ministry indicated today, when four waves of big planes raided Brest and La Pallice three times in attempts to knock out Germany's twin 26,000-ton battleships, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau.

Berlin, July 25. — (AP)—Another costly defeat by British air raiders over the English channel by German fighters was being using destructive new tactics was claimed today by the German high command.

Thirty-three RAF planes were shot down on the channel coast air front yesterday, the communication from Adolf Hitler's headquarters asserted, including nine four-motored bombers.

All but six were bagged by German fighter planes at a cost of only four to them, it said, and the others were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

This was the second successive day in which heavy British losses were reported in channel air forays. The high command yesterday reported 34 British planes shot down Wednesday.

SOVIETS MAY SEND ECONOMIC MISSION

Washington, July 25. — (AP)—An indication that Soviet Russia is to send a special mission to the United States to negotiate the purchase of war supplies came today from summer Welles, acting secretary of State.

He told a press conference that he could say nothing on the subject today but added that he underlined the word "today."

Emergency Act Ready

Under it, Selectees, Guardsmen and Reserves Could be Kept In Service.

Washington, July 25. — (AP)—Members of the Senate today have agreed unanimously on the general terms of a resolution by which Congress would declare a limited emergency under which selectees, National Guardsmen and reserves could be retained in active army service beyond the present limit of one year.

Senator Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, said yesterday when he came out of a closed session that a "second of none" within the committee had dashed any opposition to a proposal under which Congress would

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. July 25 to 7:30 p. m. July 30—South Atlantic states, occasional light to moderate scattered showers with temperatures near normal to slightly above.

Eden Says Defenses Prepared

In Rome, Gayda Declares Japan's Thrust Into Indo-China Undertaken in Full Agreement With Other Axis Powers.

(By The Associated Press) Japan's dream of conquest in the Pacific moved toward grim reality today with the reported mobilization of 1,000,000 men, while at sea her ships blanketed out in silence and turned away from American shores.

In London, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told parliament that "certain defense measures in Malaya have already been enforced" to counter "the potential threat" of the Japanese occupation of French Indo-China.

British dispatches from Singapore and France, which in the Orient guard a recent offer of protection by Great Britain, the United States, China and the Dutch East Indies against further encroachments from the outside.

In Rome, the authoritative fascist editor Virginio Gayda declared the Indo-China thrust was "the first episode" in Japan's "march to the south" and was undertaken "in full agreement with the other axis powers."

Dispatches from Saigon, French Indo-China, said commissions granted by Japan included the right to station warships in strategic Camranh Bay, on the southeast Indo-Chinese coast, only 800 miles from Singapore.

Moreover, these reports said, the Japanese navy station warships at the river port of Saigon, and obtain several air bases in southern Indo-China.

Foreign intelligence reports

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Americans Sail Tonight From Lisbon

Lisbon, July 25. — (AP)—Several hundred Americans including consular officials, employees and their families, ordered out of Germany, Italy and Axis-occupied countries, were identified to sail for home tonight aboard the U. S. naval transport West Point.

The passenger list was completed last evening when a special train bearing 66 tired, weary men, women

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Jap Trade Declines

Commerce Department Figures Show Both Imports and Exports Lower In May.

Washington, July 25. — (AP)—The Commerce department disclosed today that trade with Japan fell to an eight-year low in May, in advance of present barter over Indo-China. Exports to Japan in May totaled only \$6,621,000, which was the lowest for any month since the depression year of 1933. How much of this decline was due to curtailed shipments of oil, metals, machinery and other war materials could not be learned, however, because the department recently stopped publication of such figures.

The May total of exports to Japan compared with \$8,419,000 in April, and \$13,687,000 in May of last year.

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