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## Despite Walls Of Flaming Forests, Germans Declare

# RUSSIANS LOSING FIGHT FOR LENINGRAD

## Japanese Apology Held Insufficient

### Washington Awaits Word From Grew

Question of Adequate Guarantees Against Recurrences Still Unclassified; Japanese Merchantmen Enter U. S. Ports.

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, said today Japanese apologies for the bombing of the U. S. ambassador Tutuila in China were insufficient to close the incident.

This government, he said, awaits a more complete reply from Japan to the American representations made here and in Tokyo.

Welles said that immediately upon being informed of the incident at Chungking yesterday morning, a representative of the Japanese government called at the embassy in Tokyo and expressed deep regrets.

This was done, he said, before Joseph P. Grew was able to carry out instructions to make representations.

Welles disclosed that he had made identical representations here in a conference yesterday with the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichiro Hirano.

Detailing his press conference further Japanese moves in connection with the incident, Welles said the Japanese government made a further preliminary reply after Grew had carried out his instructions.

Tutuila more complete reply is received, Welles said he would make no further comment.

In reply to a question as to whether the preliminary reply was considered insufficient, Welles said that was a justifiable deduction.

Still awaiting clarification was the question of whether Japan had given adequate guarantees that steps were being taken to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

In announcing that immediate representations were made to Japan, Welles indicated the government would not accept Japanese explanations that the bombing was an accident and not deliberate.

The prompt action of the Japanese government in apologizing and expressing regret was regarded as an indication, however, that it was anxious to avoid any further tension in the already badly-strained relations with this country.

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### PRICE FIXING BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED TODAY

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—Congressional leaders planned speedy action today on President Roosevelt's request for broad price-fixing powers to meet inflationary trends threatening to undermine our defense efforts.

### Bids Received For Wilson Sanatorium

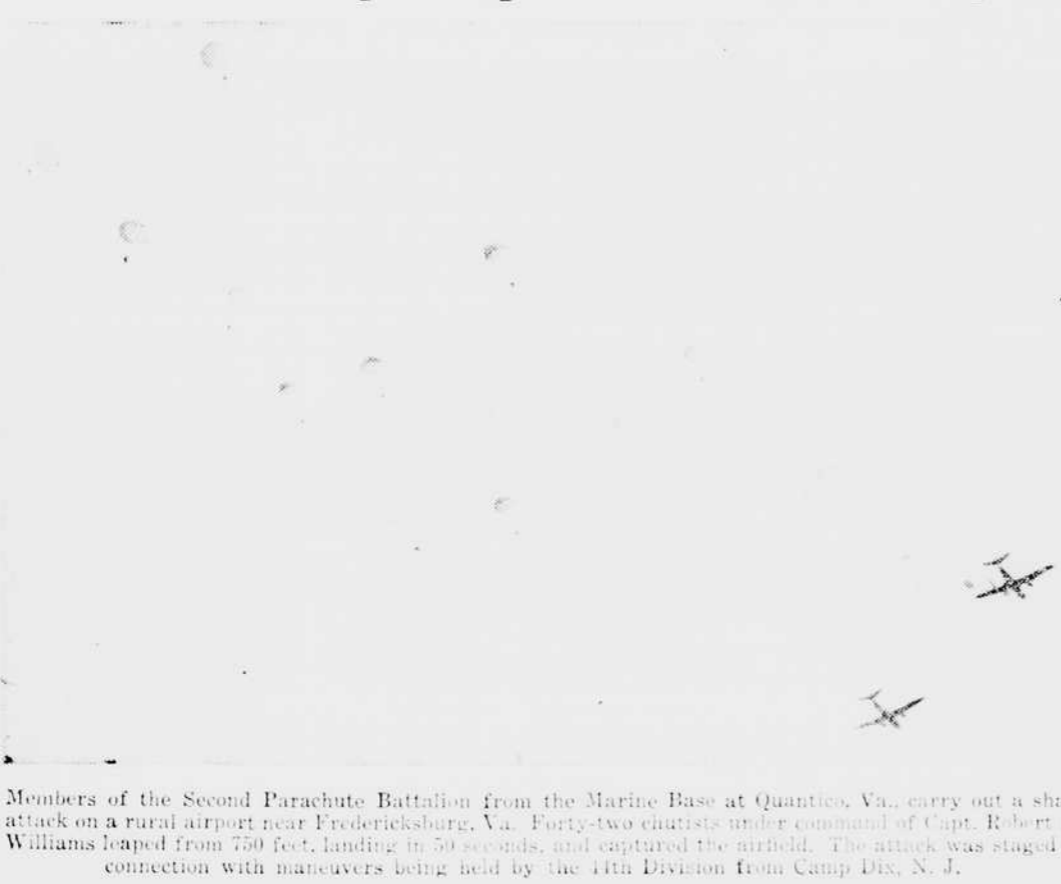
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The bid of \$211,740, however, was made conditionally, and the second lowest, made unconditionally, was \$334,900 by the Fowler Jones Construction Company of Winston-Salem.

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### Parachute Troops 'Capture' a Virginia Airport



Members of the Second Parachute Battalion from the Marine Base at Quantico, Va., carry out a sham attack on a rural airport near Fredericksburg, Va. Forty-two parachutists under command of Capt. Robert H. Williams leaped from 750 feet, landing in 50 seconds, and captured the airfield. The attack was staged in connection with maneuvers being held by the 14th Division from Camp Dix, N. J.

## Ickes Asks Night Closing Of East's Service Stations

### Seizure Bill Approved

House Military Committee Adds Two Amendments to Senate-Approved Measure.

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—The House military committee today approved legislation to authorize the president to seize military or naval equipment, supplies, munitions, or machinery, tool, and materials necessary for the making, servicing or operation of such equipment.

The committee vote was 14 to 4.

Two amendments were adopted to the Senate-approved version of the legislation.

One provides that the "fine and just compensation" to be paid for property requisitioned shall be determined by the fair market value of the article or material, and compensation of prospective profits or damages.

The other limit, the requisitioning authority by stating specifically that nothing in the legislation shall be construed as allowing the requisitioning or returning registration of five arms possessed by an individual for personal protection or for sport and further saying that the legislation does not infringe on the constitutional right to keep or bear arms.

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### Showers Bring Relief

(By The Associated Press.) Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms brought relief today to much of the area still sweltering from the year's worst heat wave.

Most of the baked eastern two-thirds of the nation enjoyed falling temperatures, started Monday, but readings of 102 were taken yesterday in Carbonate, Ill., and Oklahoma City, and 101 at St. Louis.

Warmer weather, meanwhile, was moving eastward from the northwestern plains states and was expected to reach Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and southeastern states tomorrow.

The heat wave cost 246 lives, 178 by prostration and 68 by drowning.

### British Make Far Ranging Aerial Raids

London, July 31.—(AP)—Powerful British air raids from base and sea on Germany, but dominated lands from the French coast to northern Norway and her colonies, connecting them were reported officially today.

A severe raid by naval planes on the Norwegian port of Kirkenes, high above the Arctic circle and Finland's Arctic port, was announced by the admiralty.

It admitted the loss of 10 British planes, but it said at least four supply ships were hit, harbor works were pounded at Petsamo, four oil-pumping plants were shot down and two hits scored on the L400-ton German warship Bremen, a prowler gunnery training vessel at Kirkenes.

(German reports described the attack as a British-Russian collaboration.) The first raid, most military action since the U. S. B. became involved, and said 28 British planes launched from an aircraft carrier had been destroyed at a cost of only two lost planes. Russian losses were not mentioned.

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### Secretary Declares 'Voluntary Rationing' to Date Has Not Achieved the Reduction Which Must Be Accomplished

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—In a move toward compulsory restrictions on the use of gasoline, Secretary of Interior Ickes today called upon the oil industry to close 100,000 service stations in the eastern states from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. seven days a week, effective August 2.

The closing would affect all Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida.

Declaring that voluntary rationing to date has not achieved the reduction which must be accomplished, Ickes said it is a more serious situation than any other point of the possibility of gas rationing, including rationing of ration cards.

The recommendation for closing service stations during night hours would be applicable throughout the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and all marketing areas in or east of the Appalachian mountains in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and such additional marketing areas in said

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### Babson Urges Investors To Diversify Holdings

By ROGIE W. BABSON, President, Babson Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.

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### Russians See Battle Of Attrition

Red Army Sources Declare Nazis Held To Standstill And Wearing Themselves Out in Futile Assault On Soviet Defenses.

Moscow, July 31.—(AP)—Russian sources declared today that the Germans had been held to a standstill and are wearing themselves out in futile assault on the Soviet unyielding defenses.

At these moments, it is pointed out, the war has developed into a battle of attrition with Red army masses using their weight to sap the Reichswehr's strength.

German air raids on Russian towns and cities were called futile. They said the attempts to land Leningrad were said to have been beaten off by Russian anti-aircraft units, and a further plan and an air attack on Moscow was said to have been repulsed.

With the Germans claiming strides forward on the whole front, particularly toward Leningrad, Russian reports today included the Gulf of Finland port among Russian cities. "Leading a safe and normal life," they told of a successful theatrical 15th night and sand theatres and movie houses were open as usual.

At the same time, it is pointed out, the German drive toward Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev, the German offensive, indicated there had been no fundamental change in the situation, having such familiar places as Pskov, Novgograd, Smolensk and Zhidov, which have appeared in the Soviet bulletins for days.

Further evidence between Premier Josef Stalin and Harry H. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, was expected, it is said.

### Jap Troops Enter Saigon

Saigon, French Indo-China, July 31.—(AP)—Japanese troops formally entered Saigon today and persons familiar with Japanese military outfits were quick to comment that Tokyo had sent a first class army.

In equipment, discipline and efficiency, these persons said, the newly arrived Japanese forces rank among Japan's best. They described them as ready for action, if necessary, and not for exhibition only.

With a program worked out in the detail, the Japanese moved precisely into their recently acquired naval and air bases, the army, navy and air force of liberating in methodical manner.

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### Leads Red Drive



Semyon Budenny

Marshal Semyon Budenny, commander of the Russian armies operating on the southwestern front, is leading Red counterattacks in the Smolensk area, according to Moscow. His forces are reported driving the Germans from entrenched positions into which they were forced by stalling of their blitz.

### Red Drive Predicted

Great Counter Offensive May Begin Within Two Weeks, Russian Sources Say.

London, July 31.—(AP)—A counter offensive by more than 3,000,000 Red army soldiers on a front stretching from Leningrad to Kiev was predicted today by Soviet Russian military circles here.

It was asserted that the attack might begin within the weeks, when the Russian high command was said to have planned a series of thrusts in attempt to smash the Red army around Smolensk, toward the way to Moscow.

The Soviet statements said that the predicted offensive would be one of the largest in history, with the Red army units strengthened by thousands of thousands of reservists now being assembled and completely equipped.

### Hopkins May Visit China

London, July 31.—(AP)—Harry H. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, may visit China, it was reported today by the United States State Department.

It was said that Hopkins would be accompanied by a large staff, including a military and economic team, and would be accompanied by a large staff, including a military and economic team, and would be accompanied by a large staff, including a military and economic team.

### BROUGHTON SPARES NEGRO BOY'S LIFE

Raleigh, July 31.—(AP)—John Broughton today saved the life of a 17-year-old Charleston Negro boy who was to be put to death in the execution of a gas chamber sentence for murder.

The boy, Joseph Edward Miller, was 16 years of age when he shot and killed C. C. Ritter, Charlotte banker, in a robbery.

### Subversive Plot Smashed In Argentina

Buenos Aires, July 31.—(AP)—Smashing a subversive plot aimed at fomenting a revolution without bloodshed, the Argentine government today announced by police of Buenos Aires after a series of raids in that provincial capital, a reported hot bed of Nazi activity.

A large quantity of propaganda documents was reported seized in houses whose doors and walls the raiders said were decorated with the swastika.

Nine persons were arrested in the alleged plot.

The raid was the latest in a series of anti-Nazi moves in South America.

### Air Assault From North Is Failure

German Communique Giving Unusual Detail, Pictures Whole Russian Defense Line Shoved Back and Broken.

Berlin, July 31.—(AP)—The Russians are losing in their frantic effort to save Leningrad, even with such desperate measures as walls of flaming forests set against the advancing Germans, and a British-Russian air assault on Germany's Arctic base door has proved a costly failure, German reports declared today.

The communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters, mentioning the Leningrad front for the first time in several days, said "fierce fighting in Estonia threw the opponents back to the north."

Other German reports, which a military spokesman said referred undoubtedly to the assault on Leningrad, reported seven Red army divisions destroyed on the northeast front.

The German are pressing in from the south on the Soviet Union's great Gulf of Finland port an industrial center while their Finnish allies are pushing down from the north in a great squeeze which, Germans say, already has put the city in peril.

With actual incursions to high ground and into positions in recent days, the German headquarters placed the blame for an advance line from Estonia to the Ukraine being snatched back, and beaten.

It referred to Soviet forces in the south as "defeated Russian armies" and said German forces had plunged into them retreating units in the Ukraine in a "deep thrust."

In the fiercely-contested Smolensk front in the center, where the Russians are endeavoring to push off a German salient struck through the Stalin line toward Moscow, the war bulletin reported "encirclement of the enemy east of Smolensk was further tightened." Other sources said German mopping up there had taken a heavy toll on the Russians.

Reports, however, remained on the southern flank striking toward Leningrad, where German sources said the Russian army carried their assault each day, "driving to the point of exposing itself on their front and pushing them with artillery shells to put a bundle of fire between Leningrad and the German-Finnish front."

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### WILLKIE REFUSES DEBATE PROPOSAL

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—Wesley C. Willkie, 1940 Republican nominee for president who resigned in 1940, today declined the government's invitation to debate the government's foreign policy with Northern League general Socialist leader, Earl Browder, in the House, said today, but said he would not object to a public debate on the subject.

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### Nazis Raise Their Claims

Berlin, July 31.—(AP)—Authorized sources announced today that the Nazis have raised their claims for reparations on the British company which was attacked Tuesday, bringing the total loss to 24 merchant vessels.

Germany reported Tuesday that 19 merchant ships, a destroyer and a corvette were sunk after a running attack lasting for two days and two nights by submarines and their "sacred craft" protection.

RAF's official German news agency reported that another 3,000-ton merchant ship was sunk by the German air force while a number of aircraft in southeast England were attacked with "good success."

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