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U. S. WARSHIPS TO AUSTRALIA FOR 'TRAINING'

(By The Associated Press)
Belief grew in Manila today that Britain was making preparations for swift moves to control the key points of Thailand even as United States warships arrived in Australia on a "training cruise."

Without reference to the Far East crisis, the Navy said the U. S. heavy cruisers *Northampton* and *Santa Fe* had arrived at Brisbane "for refueling and several days recreation" for the ship's crews on a cruise to the South Pacific ocean.

Those circles declared that the British might even move before Japan had actually encroached on Thai territory, possibly seizing Bangkok, Thailand capital, and Kra Isthmus ports.

These developments came swiftly as tension heightened in the Orient over reported massing of Japanese troops at Russia's Siberia back door and the continuance of Japanese pressure on little Thailand.

Concurrently, the British announced officially that large numbers of British and Indian troops, including royal air force personnel, had arrived at Singapore.

Colombia Thwarts Totalitarian Move

**Undisclosed Number
of Persons Detained
and Quantities of Doc-
uments Seized in In-
vestigation of Sub-
versive Activities**

Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Colombia has joined the growing list of Latin American countries taking action against anti-democratic activities by announcing that an attempt to indoctrinate the army with totalitarian ideals had been nipped.

Detention of an undisclosed number of persons—another estimate ranged from 40 to 200—and seizure of quantities of documents were announced last night by War Minister Carlos Martinez in connection with an investigation into alleged subversive activities.

The Bogota radio charged that Nazi elements were behind the movements. There were rumors that at least one German was among those detained, but the German legation denied any German nationals were being held.

Disclosure of the government investigation followed by two weeks' absence of the minister in which President Eduardo Santos bitterly assailed nationalism and Colombia's position as a neighbor of Panama suggested he saw that the Panama Canal is never mentioned from her territory.

In his formal announcement the war minister argued the nation that the situation was completely in hand and said there was no cause for anxiety.

Ickes Checks Gas Station Curfew Results

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP)—With filling station hours cut in half Sec. of the Interior Ickes watched sales reports closely today to see if Eastern motorists were reducing their gasoline consumption as much as intended.

If the nightly blackouts of gas stations do not bring about the desired conservation of motor fuel, he warned, more drastic steps will be taken. Whether the next step would involve rationing was not announced.

Complete reports of yesterday's gasoline sales were lacking, but Ickes termed the general result of the first filling station curfew Sunday night "very satisfying." Never the less, he said there were some cases of non-compliance with the blackout request which would be followed up.

The gasoline conservation program affects all or part of 17 states and the District of Columbia and was instituted as the result of a transportation problem arising from the transfer of a group of American tankers to Britain.

In some parts of the east final reports of Sunday's gasoline sales were expected to show an upward trend.

Dispatches from Saigon, French Indo-China, said a large and well equipped Chinese army was reported massed on the Burma border ready to cross at a moment's notice to join British forces, presumably against any Japanese attack against British Burma or Malaya.

Hourly it appeared that an "explosion" in the Far East was drawing nearer.

Reports from Bangkok, Thailand, said that officials would not deny that Japan was applying pressure for the granting of certain demands and that Thailand was facing momentous decision in her relations with Japan, Britain, and the United States.

London reports have said the Japanese were demanding air bases in Thailand within 300 miles striking distance of Britain's great citadel of Simla.

A Japanese newspaper, by contrast, asserted that Thailand was "under merciless pressure" by the United States and Britain.

A Japanese army spokesman admitted that Japanese and Russian troops had clashed on the Manchukuo-Siberia frontier.

Acts for Halifax



Sir Ronald Ian Campbell

British Minister Sir Ronald Ian Campbell shows pass permitting him to leave customs room to a guard at LaGuardia Airport, New York, as he arrives in U. S. He said he would act for Lord Halifax in the absence of the British ambassador. (Central Press)

U.S. Pledges Aid To Reds

**Fresh Complications
in Japanese Relations
May Result From
Economic Aid**

Washington, Aug. 5.—The United States backed Russia against Nazi Germany today with a formal pledge of "all economic assistance practicable"—an undertaking that may bring fresh complications in relations with Japan.

The assistance would be in military supplies and implements of defense even though the Japanese controlled press in recent weeks has been printing veiled warnings against raiding of such shipments across the Pacific to the Russian Siberian port of Vladivostok.

Indications that such a route would be used were seen in the state department's announcement that "favorable consideration" was being given Russian requests for extension of available American shipping facilities to expedite the shipments.

The neutrality act combat zone blocks off Soviet European ports to American shipping.

The formal undertaking to supply economic aid was set forth last night in an exchange of diplomatic notes connected with the renewal of the annual Russo-American trade agreement.

Reds Admit Reverses On Two Fronts

**Berlin Reports 45-Day
Old Conflict Develop-
ed into Two Vast Bat-
tles of Annihilation, in
Ukraine and in Smo-
len-sk Area**

(By The Associated Press)
German panzer forces have driven a new 70-mile-deep salient into the heart of the Soviet defense system between Moscow and Leningrad, the Russians acknowledged today, and Berlin reported that the 45-day old conflict now had developed into two vast battles of annihilation.

Nazi military dispatches said the encirclement and destruction of large Red army forces south of Kiev, the Ukraine capital, was well under way and indicated that a cleanup in the bloody Smolensk sector 230 miles west of Moscow was in its final stages.

Adolf Hitler's field headquarters reported that Red army units attempting to smash their way out of a trap in the Ukraine had been "annihilated."

The communiqué also declared that in a widening breakthrough about 60 miles southeast of Smolensk "a new enemy power group was partly annihilated and partly encircled."

The new German thrust knifed to the vicinity of Khodyn, in the marshy lands 50 miles east of last week's battlefield at Novorozhev, a Red army bulletin admitted. Khodyn lies 130 miles south of Leningrad and 180 miles north of Moscow.

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FDR Meets Commander Of Atlantic Fleet

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Rear Admiral Ernest J. King, commander of the Atlantic fleet, talked over naval matters today as the yacht Potomac moved through north Atlantic waters to an undisclosed destination.

News of their discussion came from the Navy department in the release of a message from the presidential yacht which Mr. Roosevelt boarded Saturday at New London, Conn., for a vacation cruise.

Strict secrecy has been enjoined for movements of the boat and only government dispatches of the first importance are being relayed to it. Presumably Admiral King's flagship met the Potomac at sea and the admiral boarded the yacht for the talk.

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State Advertising Brings In Results

**Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL**

Raleigh, Aug. 5.—Reports of unprecedented heavy tourist travel in all sections of North Carolina indicate that this state is beginning to cash in on its advertising campaign started when the 1937 legislature appropriated \$125,000 annually to tell the world about Tar Heel attractions and advantages.

It is impossible, of course, to tell how much of the tourist invasion is due to the effects of the current world war and how much can be attributed to the advertising that has been done; but it is indisputable that the program has enabled the state to take better advantage of the favorable circumstances which have arisen.

However the credit is to be divided here are facts showing that results have been achieved. In 1936 the Tar Heel tourist trade was valued at \$25,000,000; in 1938 at \$64,000,000; and last year at \$100,000,000. That means an advance of 400 per cent in five years.

On another side of the picture 239 new industries located in the state

during the 1936-37 biennium and promotion ends with advertising 236 additional additions made to existing or the state's strong industrial base.

The state's pay roll increases postwar as well as in 1936 the long-term reduced the state's unemployment rate to 3.8 per cent which was maintained by this year.

Here again there is no denying that the emergency had played its part as the industrial expansion has far exceeded location of industries in states which did not have them before.

From the inception of the advertising campaign in 1937 until the coming into being of the current Broughton administration, principal emphasis was laid on the tourist

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Considerable cloudiness and
scattered showers and thunderstorms
Wednesday afternoon.

Extended weather forecast for
the period from 6:30 p. m. August 5
to 6:30 p. m. August 9—
Near normal temperatures and
scattered thunderstorms are indicated
for this district for the period.

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At Georgia-Florida Leaf Market Opening

Prices Cheer Growers Nazis Penetrate Soviet Defenses

Nazi Bomber Shot Down in Battle of Atlantic



This four-engined Nazi Focke-Wulf Kurier was about to attack a British convoy in the Atlantic when an American built Lockheed Hudson of the RAF coastal command came on the scene. At point-blank range, the British plane shot down the Nazi raider. Photo above shows the bomber's crew swimming to a dinghy (arrow). The downed fliers were saved. (Central Press)

20-30 Cent Price Range Indicated

**Prices Paid for Simi-
lar Grades Believed
To Be Higher This
Year Than Last;
Small Offerings Re-
flect Reduced Yield.**

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Strong bidding for high grade tobacco cheered growers of the bright leaf crop in the Georgia-Florida belt today, buyers frequently going above 30 cents a pound for baskets of top quality leaf.

Reports from many of the warehouses in the 17 Georgia and Florida market centers compiled for the Associated Press indicated the bulk of the tobacco sold today went in the range between 20 and 30 cents. Some bids were as low as a cent a pound but others went as high as 34 cents.

J. E. Larson, Jr., warehouseman at Moultrie, said grades which sold last year at 26 and 27 cents were moving this year at 30 and 34 cents while leaf selling for 22 cents a pound was up to 26 and 29 cents at today's sale.

Sustained bidding at levels which prevailed opening day would push averages well above the 19.6 cents minimum set by the Department of Agriculture as a price guaranteed to help growers, tobacco officials said.

Tops of 34 cent avocados, 32 at Valdosta and 34 at Tifton marked the reports on the first rows sold. At Buena, W. R. Satter, sales supervisor, said 100,000 pounds had been moved by noon, mostly in the 26 to 28 cent bracket and ranging from 5 to 35 cents.

Throughout the belt warehousemen reported less than usual congestion on the floors, reflecting the reduced yield caused by bad weather and plant diseases which caused official estimates to drop to 60,000,000 pounds or less.

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Bright leaf tobacco began selling on the Georgia-Florida auction markets today at prices ranging above 30 cents a pound for best grades.

Poor quality tobacco in the first rows went as low as 3 cents a pound.

Warehouseman L. C. Pruitt said the first crop sold at Waycross at prices ranging from a minimum of 3 cents to a top of 34 cents.

At Vidalia, Warehouseman Meadows announced a range of 3 to 31 cents for the first row sold.

Compromise Is Rejected

Henderson Says Na- tion Faces Increased Cost of Living Even With Control

**Railroads
Reject Union
Wage Demands**

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Leon Henderson, head of the office of price administration, told Congress today that the nation faced the "strongest and most pronounced increase in the cost of living" even if the administration's price control bill became law immediately.

Testifying before the House banking committee, Henderson declared that even with the powers which the bill would confer, the government would have an "enormous load" in trying to prevent the country's "dynamic, volatile economy" from entering an inflationary path.

Using a series of large charts to illustrate his remarks, Henderson said the nation's price structure was "knocking at the door" of 1929 levels and heading toward the 1919 peaks.

The bill would give the President broad power to establish ceilings over prices for normally sold commodities and for rents in defense areas.

It would not permit him, however,

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Submarine Surrenders To Destroyer

London, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The surrender of a German submarine to H. S. Broadwater, captain of the U. S. *Hunt*, one of 50 United States destroyers transferred to Britain last September, was disclosed today with the announcement that the crew had been awarded to officers and crew.

An authoritative account of the surrender said the U-boat was detected by the corvette *Autobrite*, which with the *Broadway* and other warships was escorting a merchant convoy in the Atlantic.

The corvette released depth charges, thus account said, while the *Broadway* and the destroyer *Bulldog* followed up the attack.

The submarine came to the surface and the *Broadway*, which was nearest, opened fire and prepared to ram it.

The crew then came tumbling out of the conning tower "with their hands held up in surrender," it was said.

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Senate Votes Down Taft Proposal for 18 Months Total Service For Selectees

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Senate rejected today a proposal to limit the service period of Army selectees to a maximum of six months beyond the originally set one-year term.

Rejection was on a vote announced as 39 to 27.

The proposal was offered by Senator Taft, Republ. of Ohio, as a substitute for pending administration legislation which would permit draftees to be held in service for a maximum of one and one-half year after completing the one-year training period.

When they were inducted last year selectees and National Guardsmen were scheduled to serve only one year. The Army high command recently urged indefinite extension of that period.

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