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## Roosevelt And Churchill Agree On War Aims Of Two Countries

### Japanese Minister Is Wounded

Assassin's Bullets Strike Aged Vice Premier in Chest and Jaw; Condition is Serious; Attacker Captured

Tokyo—(By Telephone to New York, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, 75-year-old vice premier and minister without portfolio, was struck in the chest and jaw this morning by pistol bullets fired by a 33-year-old assassin. Hiranuma's condition was reported as serious.



Hiranuma has been regarded as a mainstay of the cabinet of Premier Fumimaro Konoye and as definitely a moderating influence.

U. S. TO IMPROVE ICELAND HARBORS

Reykjavik, Iceland, Aug. 14.—(AP)—An agreement under which the United States forces will undertake a vast improvement and extension of Iceland's harbor facilities was disclosed today.

### Caldwell Strike Ends

AFL Machinists to Resume Work in Propeller Plant; Alcoa Strike Threatened

(By The Associated Press.) Striking AFL machinists voted unanimously today to go back to work at Curtis Wright's Caldwell, N. C., propeller plant engaged on \$100,000,000 of defense contracts.

The CIO Aluminum Workers Union told Secretary of Labor Perkins last night that 20,000 workers would strike at five key plants of the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) to support demands for elimination of north-south wage differentials, unless the government intervened in the dispute. No date was set for the projected walkout.

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### Leaders Meet Secretly At Sea



President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, meeting several times at sea within the past few days, joined in a declaration of general war aims announced in the United States and Great Britain today. The declaration sets out "certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better world."

## WAR CLAIMS CONFLICT

Pravda Says Petain Road Nazis Say Push Halted For France Reds Broken

Communist Paper Claims German Offensive Being Smashed With Heavy Losses

Moscow, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The German offensive is being smashed, Pravda, communist party organ, declared today in explanation for Soviet communistic reports that there was no important change in the front.

Russian war dispatches indicated that fighting again was developing into isolated action and that German armies which spurred yesterday in the areas of Karkisalmi, Staraya Russa, Smolensk and Bel Tserkov again have been halted.

Behind the modest Soviet reports, Pravda, "the great and serious events," "No important changes occurred in the disposition of troops because the German offensive is being smashed by the mighty resistance of the Red army, exhausting the German forces."

Darlan, in New Role as Minister of Defense, Outlines National Policies

Vichy, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Vice Premier Jean Darlan, in his new role as minister of national defense, told France's land, sea and air forces today that he would lead them along the road designated by Chief of State Petain.

Darlan's message was contained in an order of the day broadcast to the empire as newspapers from Nazi-occupied Paris indicated a belief that defense powers both at home and overseas now concentrated in Darlan's hands give him complete power over colonial commanders in chief.

Darlan, who now wields military power greater than any French leader since Napoleon, told his soldiers, sailors and airmen: "I know I can count on the devotion of all to the cause of France so nobly defended by the marshal."

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Another 'Dunkierque' Seen in Attempt of Russians to Escape From Ukraine

Berlin, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Red army forces trapped in the southern Ukraine by the advance of the German army to the Black sea are preparing an attempt to escape by sea, the German high command reported today, and the Luftwaffe is pounding their transports anchored along the coast.

German and Rumanian forces have reached the sea between the great Soviet port of Odessa and the Bug estuary in a "continuous relentless pursuit of the Ukraine," the war bulletin from Adolf Hitler's headquarters said.

Elsewhere on the eastern front operations also are continuing according to plans, said the communistic.

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### British See U. S. Pledge In Statement

United States Committed to Reconstruction of Post-War Europe and Support of Russian-British Cause, British Declare

London, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The United States is now pledged to the reconstruction of post-war Europe and to support the Russian-British cause on every front, informed British sources said today in reviewing the jointly-issued Roosevelt-Churchill statement.

Things left unsaid in the statement are regarded as fully as important as those of the eight-point joint declaration.

Omission of reference to Japan "implies that Japan was one of the main points of discussion," a Japanese diplomat admitted.

A British informant said the meeting was at Mr. Roosevelt's invitation.

The Japanese source said that the tempo of the Japanese advance in South Asia was slowed even as rumors of the historic meeting between the British and American leaders spread around the world.

The Roosevelt-Churchill conference, which were attended by ranking officials and military, naval and air experts of both countries, were reliably reported to have lasted at least two or three days.

Now there would be no surprise in London if a further announcement were made that Roosevelt and Churchill had sent personal assurances to Josef Stalin and the Russian people that Britain and the United States will give the U. S. S. R. the fullest industrial cooperation in arming and supplying the Red army, air force and navy.

News of the meeting was broadcast by radio in Britain by Lord Fray Seal, Chief of Staff, who has been acting as Churchill's deputy in his absence.

It was firmly believed by many competent observers that although the eight points—which

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### Common Principles Embodied In Eight Point Declaration

Leaders of Two Nations, With High Ranking Military Chieftains, Meet at Secret Rendezvous at Sea; 'Whole Problem of the Supply of Munitions of War' Discussed; Beaverbrook Coming to Washington

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain, after a secret meeting at sea, joined in a declaration of general war aims today, which voiced a determination to achieve "the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny."

A White House announcement embodying the eight-point joint declaration, said the two national leaders, with their high ranking military chieftains, examined "the whole problem of the supply of munitions of war" for "those countries actively engaged in resisting aggression."

These covered the supply problems of the Soviet Union, Lord Beaverbrook, British minister of supply, is coming to Washington to discuss further details.

In several conferences, the announcement said, they "considered the dangers to world civilization arising from the policies of military domination by conquest upon which the Hitlerite government of Germany and other governments associated therewith have embarked."

The statement said they "made clear the stress (expressed here as probably meaning steps) which their countries are respectively taking for their safety in the face of these dangers."

The joint declaration, constituting the most concrete war aims yet disclosed on the British side, set out "certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better world."

The President and prime minister declared their belief after their historic meeting at sea that "after the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny" the disarmament of aggressor nations "is essential" pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security.

The eight points on which the President and Mr. Churchill agreed to "base their hopes for a better future for the world" were:

"First, their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other;

"Second, they desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned;

"Third, in the respect of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government

### Axis Reaction

Berlin, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The first authorized German reaction to the war aims statements of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill was that the whole declaration was a "propaganda bluff."

"Churchill and Roosevelt are unfortunate in their declaration being made at a time when every hour brings new reports of impressive successes for German arms in the Ukraine," one spokesman asserted.

Previously, there had been only DNB's brief, factual report that the United States President and British prime minister had met and issued their joint statement.

Rome, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Fascist circles said that the joint American-British declaration today would fail to run the axis or Japan off their courses.

Fascists had suspected that Roosevelt and Churchill had agreed on a war plan before its announcement. The authoritative editor, Virginio Gayda, anticipating such an announcement, swore "that being new plots in the form of oratorical manifestations and statecrafts toward this or that part of the globe in the vain hope of halting or deviating the fatal course of war."

The meeting, Gayda said in his Giornale d'Italia, was "proof of Anglo-Saxon worry, bewilderment and disorderly action." He noted that it took place at a time when the Russian situation was "critical" and when tension was growing worse between Japan and the United States and Britain.

"Whatever is said and done," said Gayda, "the war of the axis like that of Japan, will continue straight ahead on its course."

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### Electricity Rates Reduced Sharply Since 1932, While Customers And Sales Mount

During the year 1940, a total of 333,371 customers bought 2,717,421,314 kilowatt hours of electricity from the five public utility companies operating in the state, paying therefor a total of \$36,208,236.85—or an average of \$13.22 per hundred kilowatt hours.

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### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair to partly cloudy with slowly rising temperatures tonight and Friday, scattered thundershowers in mountains Friday.

### Leaf Prices Are Higher

Averages Exceeding 26 Cents Expected From Today's Sales on Border Belt

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### Winston-Salem Fire Destroys 15 Airplanes

A spectacular fire swept through a hangar here today at the airport and destroyed 15 planes at an estimated loss of \$50,000.

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### Gasoline To Russia

First Shipment of Aviation Fuel Leaves Los Angeles in United States Tanker

Washington, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced today the first shipment of aviation gasoline to Russia aboard an American tanker, which will leave Los Angeles today for Vladivostok, flying the United States flag.

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