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Neutrality Act Change Discussed

Legislative Chiefs Meet With FDR

Speaker Rayburn Does Not Disclose Details of White House Discussion; New Lease-Lend Fund Will Be Asked.

Washington, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn told his press conference that revision of the neutrality act was discussed by legislative leaders at a conference with President Roosevelt at the White House today but that no conclusions had been reached.

The speaker did not disclose details of the discussion but said that there had been a lot of talk about it.

At the same time, Rayburn said the President would send a message to Congress Thursday on the subject of a new lease-lend appropriation, which would amount to about six billion dollars.

President Roosevelt's order in the navy to shoot axis sea raiders with an American defensive nature, there has been considerable speculation as to whether outright repeal of the neutrality law, which bans entry of American merchant ships into combat zones, might be proposed or whether the arming of merchant vessels would be undertaken.

A provision of the neutrality law forbids the arming of merchant ships engaged in commerce with any belligerent nation after the President has proclaimed a state of war exists between any countries.

York Urges A. L. Activity

Milwaukee, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Alton C. York, of Tennessee, one of the leading heroes of the World War and an advocate of aid to Russia as a means of stopping Nazi Germany, urged the American Legion national convention to play an important part in molding the foreign policy of the United States.

Sergeant York spoke last night at a religious-patriotic service for Legionnaires on the eve of the first business session of the 23rd annual convention, faced with serious decisions on problems arising from the recent conflict.

An unopposed interventionist, York urged the Legion to stay out of politics but to take a big hand in shaping the nation's foreign policy.

Navy Will Guard Ships

Secretary Knox Tells American Legion Lease-Lend Cargoes Will Be Protected.

Milwaukee, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Secretary Knox told the American Legion convention today that, beginning tomorrow, the United States Navy would protect all lease-lend cargoes traversing the sea "between the American continent and the waters adjacent to Iceland."

The Navy chief described the Atlantic fleet's orders in unequivocal language—"to capture or destroy" every axis surface or sub-surface tender encountered.

Although Knox avoided the particular word "convoy" his announcement recalled the interpretation given President Roosevelt's shoot on sight speech to the British press which broke out such jubilant headlines as "U. S. to Guard Our Ships."

The Knox announcement constituted the first official disclosure of how the Navy was preparing to carry out the new policy, announced by Mr. Roosevelt—that henceforth axis war vessels engaging United States "defensive waters" would do so at their own peril.

The Crop Must Be Harvested



Faced with a serious shortage of male workers in harvesting the \$6,000,000 tobacco crop this year, Lancaster County, Pa., has called on its women to drive tractors and do other work in the fields. Here are three sisters and a brother hard at work. They are Mary, Elizabeth, Mildred and Paul Mowrer, of Columbia, Pa.

London Marks Anniversary

U. S. Mission Automobile Quota Set

Representatives Stop for Talks Before Proceeding to Moscow for Parley.

London, Sept. 15.—(AP)—With a wing of the RAF reported already in action against Germany on the eastern front, the entire U. S. mission to Moscow has arrived in Britain for stopover talks before continuing on to the Russian capital for consultation with the British and Russians on how to beat Adolf Hitler.

The RAF units now in Russia were only the advance guard of greater forces to go, informed quarters indicated, and the British press carried reports that American-made planes already were in the service of the Red air force.

Junior members of the American mission reached London yesterday with Russian ambassadors to Washington, Constantine Gromyko, after a trans-Atlantic plane flight, and the American embassy announced today that W. Averell Harriman, head of the mission, and the remainder of the delegation had arrived "somewhere in the United Kingdom."

Harriman was expected to reach London tonight.

The delegation has been commissioned, with its British counterparts, to study with the Russians all means of speeding supplies to the Russian front.

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POPE ASKS FRAYERS THAT WAR MAY END

Vatican City, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII asked Catholics throughout the world today to pray during the month of October for a shortening of the war.

His appeal for special prayer was made to bishops through papal representatives in each country, the Vatican City newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, announced.

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The commercial bank also made 50,575 installment loans aggregating \$9,053,467.89, though the installment loan is primarily the function of the industrial rather than the commercial banks.

As for the industrial, they made 122,377 installment loans totaling \$19,794,562.32, and in addition handed 7,437 new loans (not of the installment variety) for \$3,814,193.73 and renewed 2,957 loans for \$2,127,833.94.

Thus the state banks, commercial and industrial made in all 240,634 new loans for \$19,952,504.73. The installment loans totaled 73,152 for \$28,479,030.51.

Counting all these into an overall statement of loans made by state banks, it is found that the bankers said "yes" to less than 796,930 times and handed over to happy (for the moment at least) borrowers a total of \$65,941,142.91 (less discount in advance) in cash or in paper redeemed by renewal.

Assuming that there are 300 banks (Continued on Page Five)

Air Climax Year Ago

In Contrast, Britain Points to Extension of Air Offensive Deep Into Germany.

London, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Just one year ago, the German air offensive against Britain reached its peak in the most savage aerial battle the world has known—a battle which the British say cost the Nazis 187 planes.

In sharp contrast with that epic struggle was a government announcement today that only one German aircraft crossed the British coast during the night, dropping bombs which caused minor damage and a few casualties in a northeast town.

The announcement emphasized the RAF claim that the battle of September 15, 1940, established its control of the skies over Britain and forced the Germans to abandon mass air raid tactics.

Dislosure, meanwhile, of the arrival in England of new American-made long range fighter planes held the promise that the RAF would step up its rapidly growing offensive against the Reich.

The new planes, Lockheed Lightnings, equipped with both machine-guns and rockets and do better than 400 miles an hour and have a range of nearly 1,000 miles, it was stated. Their arrival caused speculation that the British might be able to inaugurate daylight raids deep into Germany—perhaps as far as Berlin.

The British continued their offensive operations during the week-end with a series of sweeps along the Nazi-occupied French coast. The German battleships *Gneisenau* and *Scharnhorst* sheltered at Brest—were again the objects of attack.

Cotton Futures Are Lower

New York, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 9 lower. Cotton was steeper during the second hour, but the pace of trading continued slow. Values were 2 to 7 points lower; October 17.85; March 18.22; May 18.35.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Generally fair in interior, considerable cloudiness on coast tonight and Tuesday, slowly rising temperature.

Rumanian, Bulgarian Ports Shut

Sea-Borne German Drive Against Russian Forces on Crimean Peninsula Forecast; Bulgarian Army Partially Mobilized.

Ankara, Sept. 15.—(AP)—A sea-borne Nazi drive against Russian forces on the Crimean peninsula was forecast by observers here today as Balkan sources reported the Germans had ordered all Rumanian and Bulgarian Black sea ports closed to commercial shipping.

The reported German action capped recurring rumors that both the Germans and Italians had been concentrating men and ships in Bulgarian ports, presumably for an attempt to land forces behind the Soviet Dnieper river defense line in the Ukraine.

Only last Thursday it was disclosed that Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov had protested to Bulgaria that she had overstepped the bounds of neutrality by permitting German naval preparations in her harbors.

(Dispatches from Sofia last night said partial mobilization of the Bulgarian army had been ordered for today and that the government was putting into effect decrees providing severe penalties for sabotage and subversive activities.)

It was believed here that the reported German preparations were prompted by dissatisfaction with progress of the campaign in the Ukraine, in which the Rumanian army has been playing an important part.

There have been repeated reports that both the Rumanian public and army leaders were opposed to continuing the war against Russia now that the provinces of Bessarabia and Northern Bucovina, which the Soviets took by ultimatum more than a year ago, had been won back.

Iran Warned By Russia

Teheran, Sept. 15.—(AP)—A spokesman of the Soviet embassy declared today that the Iranian government will find itself in very great difficulties unless axis legations leave Teheran by tomorrow.

German, Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian diplomats have asked postponement of their own departure until all their nationals had been sent off to internment.

Another contingent of Germans left this morning for India in British custody and 21 for Siberia under Russian guard. About 150 men are still awaiting transportation.

Gulley Charges To Be Filed This Week, Averill Reports

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Henderson, Sept. 15.—(AP)—By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Sept. 15.—The effort of Herbert Gulley, late of the state's U. S. internal revenue division, to bring about the ouster of his one-time boss, Collector Charles Robertson of Greensboro, will crystallize this week with filing of the formal charges by which Gulley hopes to effect his aim.

The charges, voluminous and numerous as to specifications, will probably be put in the hands of Gay T. Helvering, chief of the Washington internal revenue department, tomorrow, though there always exists the possibility of unlooked for delay.

Several weeks ago it seemed sure the charges would be formally lodged, but there was a change of mind at the last moment.

Gulley is going to throw about the whole book at the collector, with the charges running the whole gamut. Many of them are aimed directly at the collector himself, but just as many hit at him through Mrs. Henrietta Mann, head of the social security division, who is brought into the picture time after time.

Altogether there will be some dozen or more specific charges, which are expected to be supported

To Newfoundland



Maj. Gen. Gerald C. Brant

Maj. Gen. Gerald C. Brant, commanding officer at Randolph Field, Texas, the air corps training center, has been assigned to command the Newfoundland Base Command. The base is one of those received by the U. S. in the destroyer deal with Britain.

Lease-Lend Report Made

President Roosevelt Tells Congress Extent of Aid Given Through August.

Washington, Sept. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt reported to Congress today that actual export of American war supplies to nations fighting the axis, under the lease-lend program, had totaled \$190,417,670 up to August 31.

This figure represented expenditures for weapons and other supplies actually sent abroad. But the President added, defense articles transferred, including some still waiting to be shipped, amounted to an additional \$35,946,791, while various services, such as repairing naval vessels, added up to still another figure of \$78,169,377.

Thus in services, transfer of title and actual export, the United States has provided \$244,533,738 in assistance to the allies of the axis.

Furthermore, expenditures for articles for services not yet finished added up to approximately \$162,000,000, Mr. Roosevelt said.

Thus, the President figured in his report that "through the month of August the total value of defense articles transferred and defense services rendered, plus expenditures for articles and services, amounted to approximately \$487,000,000."

"Planes, tanks, guns and ships have begun to flow from our factories and yards," he said, "and the flow will accelerate from day to day, until the strategic balance of power and the river of freedom are flowing in full tide, and we seek to dominate the world."

Axis Thrust From Libya Is Routed

Cairo, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Two axis armored columns based in Libya penetrated 35 miles into Egyptian territory yesterday but were routed by British mechanized forces operating under close cover of the RAF.

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The raids were carried out by British patrols Saturday night, a communiqué said.

Huge Pincer Is Closing About City

In the North, Great Battle for Leningrad Continues, With German Planes Pounding City; Fighting Fierce on Entire Front.

Moscow, Sept. 15.—(AP)—The first German crossing of the great Dnieper river south of besieged Kiev was admitted today by Soviet Russia in an official report that the rail junction of Kremenchug, 175 miles below the Nazis "after many days of fierce fighting."

(The Germans, however, some time ago claimed they crossed the lower Dnieper to take Zaporozhe, 140 miles southeast of Kremenchug.)

Further south, the Red armies were reported holding firm against German attempts to cross the Dnieper while to the north great fighting was reported over Leningrad and on the land and sea approaches to the Russian's second city.

The Russians said 100 planes fought in the latest duel over Leningrad, with the Germans fleeing after losing 17 machines.

The Soviet afternoon communiqué again reported merely that the Red army fought the invaders along the entire front last night.

Just when Kremenchug, on the east bank of the Dnieper, was abandoned to the Germans was not told in the early morning Soviet communiqué but did indicate whether the Germans had made progress in their evident attempt to extend the southern jaw of a wide pincer movement against Kiev.

The loss of Kremenchug apparently increased danger facing Kiev, for only last Friday the Russians acknowledged the evacuation of Chernogov, a city 80 miles north of Kiev between the Dnieper and Desna rivers.

The movements of the German armies north and south of Kiev indicated they were trying to meet behind the city, which still was fiercely resisting the Nazis as the war went into its 13th week.

The fighting on the central front saw increased Russian pressure in the direction of burned and wrecked Smolensk, a key point on the road Napoleon took to Moscow.

The 129th anniversary yesterday of the occupation of Moscow and the Koeningberg Napoleon found the Germans still roughly some 200 miles west of the Russian capital—and their campaign already had exceeded Napoleon's by two days.

LIGHT WEIGHT LEAF ON OLD BELT FLOORS

Winston-Salem, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Light weight, medium grade tobacco was in abundance on the floors of the Old Belt today.

Many farmers declined to offer their best grades until after first sales tomorrow, but they were optimistic that prices would be high, and comparable to those on belts already open.

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