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## Senate Poll Shows Majority Favors Freedom Of Seas

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—An informal administration poll showed today that at least 55 senators—six more than a majority—would vote to amend the pending armed ship bill so as to permit American merchant vessels to sail anywhere on the seven seas.

The poll, conducted by senators interested in broadening the House-approved legislation lifting the ban against the arming of merchant ships, indicated that a majority of 60 members would support the suggested amendment to knock out the neutrality act provision forbidding merchant ships to enter belligerent ports or designated combat zones.

All indications pointed to an administration effort to expand the pending bill after the Senate foreign relations committee concludes hearings this afternoon. One informant, however, said the committee vote is still pending.

American merchantmen complete freedom of the seas would be at least 12 to 11 and might be 13 to 10, depending on the ballot of Senator George, Democrat, Georgia.

Another proposal pending before the committee, offered by a group of Republicans and backed by Wendell L. Wallke would repeal the neutrality act completely.

Majority Leader Barkley asserted today that it was difficult to ascertain whether the Senate would give more support to complete repeal than to amendments lifting the present restrictions on ship arming and ship movements.

Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, one sponsor of the freedom of the seas amendment, told reporters he would vote for complete repeal if his own proposal failed, "and those who want complete repeal should vote for our amendment if they can't get theirs," he added.

## Germans Break Through In Ukraine, But

# Moscow Lines Hold

## Steel Plant Strike Is Ended

### Settlement Is Accepted By Strikers

### Other Strikes, However, Hinder Production in Different Parts of Nation; Trouble Breaks Out at Bendix, N. J.

(By The Associated Press)

An eight-day interruption of operations at the Great Lakes Steel Corporation in a Detroit suburb ended today when strikers accepted settlement terms and began returning to their jobs.

Other strikes, however, gripped coal mines in Alabama, held up welding operations at some shipyards in the northwest, and paralyzed production at the Ohio machinery factory.

Several automobiles were overturned near Bendix, N. J., after a group of non-striking employees eluded CIO pickets in order to work in the plant of Air Associates, Inc., manufacturer of airplane parts.

The workers at the Great Lakes Steel Corporation voted last night to go back to work as soon as the firm could call them, and men began reporting for the midnight shift.

One of the principal provisions in the settlement plan calls for reinstatement of 16 members of the Steel Workers Organizing committee, who had been suspended by union officials. The walkout, which made 8,600 employees idle, had been termed a "wildcat" strike by both the company and CIO officials. Members of the union walked out in protest against wage rates negotiated with the company by union leaders.

Members of the CIO rank and file contended their negotiators had sold them out.

The non-striking employees at the Air Associates plant at Bendix had to outflank a CIO picket line twice yesterday, going to the plant and coming from work in a caravan of 150 automobiles. A strike was called September 30 by 100 workers who charged the company with unfair labor practices.

### 'Collision' In Far East 'Inevitable'

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Secretary Knox said today that a "collision" in the Far East was virtually inevitable and could occur on 24 hours notice.

"The situation in the Far East is extremely strained," Knox told a group of naval munitions manufacturers.

"We are satisfied in our own minds that the Japanese have no intention of giving up their plans for expansion. If they pursue that course a collision there is inevitable. It can occur on 24 hours notice."

This description of conditions involving the United States in Japan, coming from a cabinet member after weeks of Washington-Tokyo efforts to find a formula for settlement, was prompted by a discussion of ways by which munitions can be delivered from this country to Russia.

Knox said he had "just hurried away from a conference"—he did not say with whom—at which British and Russian needs for war materials had been stressed as matters of great urgency.

## Japs Doubt Uncle Sam

### Domei Says Success of Negotiations Depends on Sincerity of United States.

Tokyo, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Domei, Japanese news agency with close official connections, quoted "observers" today as saying that the success of negotiations between Japan and the United States "now entirely depends on the sincere attitude of the United States" and that Japan doubts that the United States is sincere.

In the same radio broadcast Domei quoted its sources as saying that the situation had worsened as a result of economic pressure including the freezing of Japanese assets.

The United States must realize the limit of concessions which Japan can make, the Domei commentary continued.

Meanwhile the imperial diet was summoned today for a 5-day special meeting November 15, almost at the same time that a Japanese spokesman pronounced the situation between Japan and the United States eased by an American decision to send Russia war aid via the north-western port of Archangel rather than the Pacific port of Vladivostok.

The statement was made by Kogi Ishii, spokesman for the cabinet information bureau, in a conference with foreign correspondents in which he said Japan had explained every point of her stand in recent talks at Washington and now awaited the reaction of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

### DEFENSE STAMP SALES INCREASE

Washington, Oct. 24.—Sales of defense savings stamps for five months have reached the total of \$18,998,000, the Treasury department has announced.

September sales of \$4,978,000 were the largest of any month since the defense savings program was started on May 1 last, an increase over August of 11.8 per cent. In September 2,942,000 more stamps of all denominations were sold than in August.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Saturday; slightly cooler tonight, followed by rising temperatures Saturday.

Extended weather forecast for period beginning 7:30 p. m., October 24 and ending 7:30 p. m., October 29. Rainfall will be light or none for the period; temperatures above normal Florida and southern Georgia, below normal North Carolina and near normal elsewhere.

### Another Answer to Hitler



Sliding down the ways and into the water at the Mare Island Navy Yard in California is the submarine Trigger, built in double-quick time under the navy's speed-up policy. Her keel was laid last Feb. 1.

## Tank Production Program Doubled

### FDR Backs LaGuardia

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt endorsed the candidacy of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, Republican and American Labor nominee, for a third term as mayor of New York today, declaring that LaGuardia's administration had been "the most honest and most efficient" within his recollection.

The President skinned through at his press conference a formal statement which he had prepared on LaGuardia's race for reelection, and laughed with reporters when he said he was not taking part in the New York city election but felt he was entitled to speak about it because the city contains about half the population of his state.

### Report Attack On French Somaliland

Vichy, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The Vichy region's governor general in French Somaliland reported in a dispatch from Djibuti today that British and Free French troops had started an attack on the territory.

### Recent Events Emphasize Chaos In Motor Department

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—Boudie Ward, motor vehicle commissioner since the first of July, may eventually succeed in bringing order out of chaos in his department—time alone will decide whether he can or not—but it is certain that he faces one of the most difficult tasks before any state official in many, many moons.

A whole series of recent events have combined to bring latent sore spots to a head.

There was, for instance, the resignation of R. R. McLaughlin, head of the registration bureau, after his arrest on a drunken driving charge at

### President Roosevelt Declines to Give Figures in Announcing Expanded Plans For Army Tank Manufacture.

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Withholding all figures, President Roosevelt announced today that the American program for producing tanks for United States armed forces would be approximately doubled at once.

The Chief Executive told a press conference that the projected expansion was part of an overall revision of the defense picture. But the rest of it, he said, will not be ready until later in the fall or perhaps when Congress meets for a new session in January.

Mr. Roosevelt could not say what the present tank program called for nor what the increase would provide. That he asserted, was information which the axis would like to have.

It does call for many thousands more tanks, along with certain items of ordnance relating to them.

The principal reason for the decision to make a tremendous increase in tank output, the President disclosed, grew from the experience in the use of tanks in North Africa last year.

Some new plants probably will have to be built to turn out the enlarged volume of tanks while factories now making them will have to step up operations, the President said.

## Russia Dips Into Reserve Manpower

### Reorganized Russian Command Stiffens Moscow Resistance; Timoshenko Moved to Southern Front Command.

Kuibyshev, Russia, Oct. 24.—(AP)—German forces were defeated today to have broken through toward Kostov-on-the-Don as the fight for the industrial Donets basin reached a crisis, but on the Moscow front the Red army said its counter-attacks smashed a Nazi spearhead which penetrated defense lines toward the capital.

Soviet Russia met the challenge of the intensified German onslaught with a reorganized western front command pledged to fight to the finish, and dipped deep into her reserves of manpower for more fighting men.

Marshal Semion Timoshenko, moved from the central to the southern front, faced a supreme test in stiffening resistance at the western approaches to the Donets basin where Pravda declared "the situation remains alarming in all sectors."

Under the eyes of Premier Josef Stalin and the Soviet defense council remaining in menaced Moscow, General Gregory K. Zhukov, who took Timoshenko's place in defense of the capital, apparently had checked the head-on drive of strongly reinforced Nazi forces from west of city.

German bombers renewed their attack on Moscow last night, causing damage and casualties, but many of the Soviet government already had been moved to this Volga bank town, determined to carry on.

Marshal Budyenny and Marshal Voroshilov, northern front commander, were given the task of forming new fighting forces from the vast reserves of Soviet manpower as Russia served notice she would never quit.

S. A. Lazovsky, vice foreign commissar and government spokesman for the press, declared the removal of basic commissars from Moscow gave proof of "not weakening, but strengthening of the defense."

## Commission Denies Report

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The maritime commission said today that its Wednesday announcement that "all aid-to-Russia cargoes will be moved through the port of Boston after October 28" was inaccurate.

The commission added that the inaccurate announcement had been "widely misinterpreted."

"Defense cargoes will continue to be divided so far as practicable among ports of exportation," it continued.

## Vandenberg Demands Cash For Foodstuff

Washington, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, demanded today that Great Britain be required to reimburse the United States in cash for \$1,000,000,000 in food to be furnished under the new \$3,985,000,000 lend-lease appropriation which the Senate approved yesterday by a vote of 59 to 13.

Contending that the British government was obtaining immediate payment from English distributors for foodstuff sent to Britain under the program, Vandenberg asserted that the net result of the proposed new outlay would be to "siphon virtually a billion dollars out of the United States treasury into the British treasury."

"If we are furnishing materials under this bill that are sold for cash by the British government, that cash belongs to the United States treasury," the Michigan senator said.

## 50 Frenchmen Executed; 100 Hostages Reprieved

### Firing Squad Executions at Bordeaux Bring to 184 Total of Hostages Killed For Assassinations of Five Germans.

Vichy, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Fifty French hostages died before the firing squad wall today in a 50-lives-for-one forfeit for the assassination of a German officer at Bordeaux—the second such measure of retaliation within three days.

At the same time, 50 additional hostages at Bordeaux and 50 still alive at Nantes out of 100 selected for execution in reprisal for the killing of the German commander there won brief reprieves while the Germans gave additional time for the capture or surrender of the actual assassins.

The news today from Bordeaux meant that a total of 100 hostages already had been put to death, evenly divided, for the assassinations of the Nantes and Bordeaux officers. Fifty were executed in the Nantes case on Wednesday.

The German commander at Nantes, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Hotz, was waylaid and shot last Monday and on the following day a high ranking officer named Reimers, counselor of the German military administration at the occupied port of Bordeaux, met a similar fate.

If the full measure of threatened reprisals were carried out it will make a ratio of 100 lives for one.

The Bordeaux executions brought to 184 the total of French hostages killed for the assassination of five Germans.

The reprieves were granted by German authorities at the personal request of Chief of State Petain and Vice Premier Darlan.

### Defends Moscow



General G. K. Zhukov

Succeeding Marshal Semyon Timoshenko, General G. K. Zhukov has been placed in command of Russia's central defense zone, including the Moscow area, according to the Communist newspaper Pravda. Zhukov worked his way up through the ranks, starting as a private 26 years ago.

## Babson Sees Trade-In Plan As Depression Preventive

By ROGER W. BABSON  
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Babson Park, Mass., Oct. 24.—A recent column in which I discussed what would happen to business after World War II, has brought to me several suggestions. Among these is one from E. H. Pearson of Aantagaville, Alabama, which I desire to pass on to readers. Strange to say, a letter along the same lines came to me a while ago from a group of economists in Holland.

What About Markets? The immediate need after the war will be for markets for peacetime goods. These must be manufactured in great quantities in order to keep employed the millions now engaged in the manufacture of munitions. Furthermore, we are to have a great demand for machinery, building materials, and merchandise from abroad by people who have no money with which to pay.

We, therefore, must work out some way to consume the finished goods which we are then able to produce apart from the wearing-out process and a world war every twenty-five years. A trade-in plan such as the automobile people have developed but made applicable to all industries has possibilities. Consumers need be trained to replace goods before they wear out.

We Will Need New Machinery. We are advised to look for new uses and new products for raw materials and finished goods. This means new markets must be secured. Manufacturers are today using fully depreciated tools and machinery which they should trade in for new machinery so as to give the American people better goods for less mon-

ey. Prosperity comes only from lower taxes and lower prices. Continuous employment is far more important than increases in wages or unit profits.

We need some way to make it possible for the worker and those having private funds to consume the finished goods that will be available a few years hence. Those who have funds to buy with are usually thrifty people. Being thrifty, they wear out the goods they own unless they are offered a value for such goods. Cannot the trade-in system which has been used in creating the

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## Time Bomb Kills Fifty In Odessa

Bucharest, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Fifty axis officers and men, including Rumanian General Glogojeanu, have been killed by the explosion of a time bomb in captured Odessa. Rumanian military dispatches said today.

(Other dispatches identified the general as the Rumanian commandant of Odessa.)

Two German naval officers were listed as victims; the others were believed to be Rumanians. The dispatches said that the bomb had been planted near a former secret police headquarters by the Russians before the port city was captured.

## Naples Bombed In Light Raid

Rome, Oct. 24.—(AP)—The high command announced today the British royal air force raided Naples again last night for the third time recently.

Damage, however, was described as slight and there were reports of only five wounded, in contrast to an admission that the aerial blow at the coastal manufacturing center last Tuesday night caused huge damage. One week ago there was a raid in which the Italians acknowledged twelve killed and 37 injured at Naples.

The attack on Naples followed a daylight raid yesterday afternoon on the port of Crotona, at the mouth of the Gulf of Taranto in southern Italy, the communique said.

British fliers bombed the axis-held cities of Bengasi, Homs, and Tripoli in north African operations and the high command said three bombers were shot down by the defenders as well as a fourth over British-held Tobruk.