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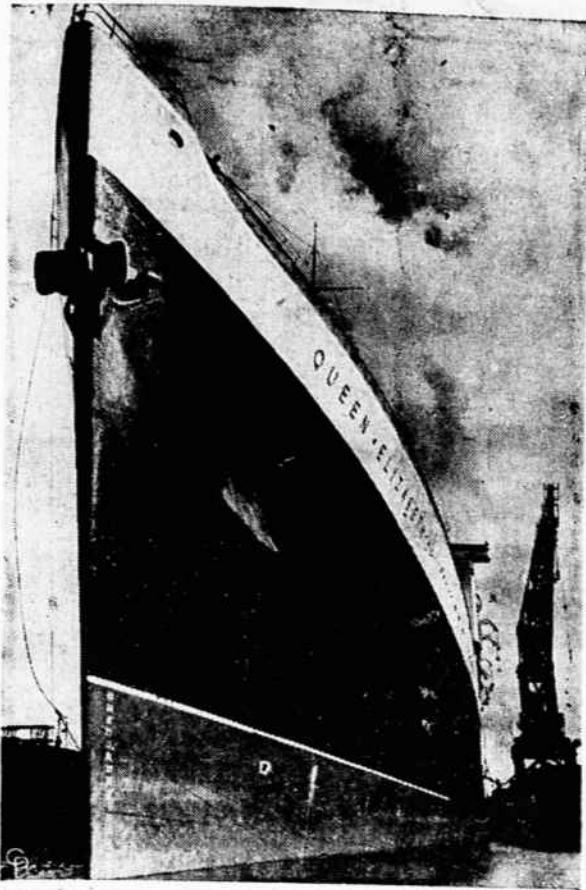
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THE 'QUEEN' IS RECONVERTED



THIS STRIKING VIEW of the "Queen Elizabeth" was made as the giant liner received final reconversion touches at a Southampton drydock before returning to the transatlantic luxury trade. During the war, the ship carried thousands of troops to various war theaters. (International)

Byrnes Rips Out At Soviet 'Reflections'

Finland Is Heard; American Policies Defended By Byrnes

Paris, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The United States and Britain struck back today with blunt and unvarnished statements at Soviet "reflections" upon their peace conference policies.

Finland, last of the five former enemy states to be heard, presented a keynote of collaboration "with her great neighbor to the east, the Soviet Union."

Czechoslovakia bitterly replied to Hungarian attacks on Czech treatment of Hungarian minorities.

Cost U. S. \$400 Billion.

U. S. Secretary of State James Byrnes taking exception to Russian allegations during the debate on Italy that certain nations had enriched themselves during the war, said the war had cost the U. S. \$400,000,000,000 and "I hope he (the Soviet spokesman) was not referring to the U. S."

Finland's Foreign Minister Carl Enckell praised Russia as "generous victor," but entered a plea for a reduction by \$100,000,000 in Finland's reparations payments and an easing of the territorial concessions she has been forced to make.

Byrnes said economic treaties in contradiction to the Potsdam agreement would lead to "enslavement and exploitation."

Symbol of Democracy.

"Before America was attacked Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that the United States would be the symbol of democracy. America has asked for no recompense other than the freedoms she sought for all mankind. America seeks no territories or recompense."

Byrnes added that the U. S. was willing to help in the economic rebirth of any nation.

He spoke after Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia had told the conference that the Hungarian foreign minister had tried to "gloss over" his nation's record as an axis satellite by castigating Czechoslovakia in an address before the party yesterday.

There was loud applause in the conference chamber when Byrnes said the U. S. would offer "reciprocal friendship to any nation."

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov of Russia listened intently as Byrnes spoke in a firm voice, occasionally gesturing with one hand.

Truman To Leave Friday For Trip In Maine Waters

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—President Truman will leave Washington tomorrow for an 18-day yachting vacation in New England waters.

White House Press Secretary Charles Ross disclosed plans for the cruise aboard the presidential yacht, the U. S. S. Williamsburg. It will carry the President into the Narragansett Bay area and up the east coast of Maine.

It will be the Williamsburg's first voyage under the command of Capt. C. L. Freeman.

S. C. Vote Canvass Is Slated Today

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Vote figures to Tuesday's Democratic primary election will be canvassed today by the 46 county Democratic executive committees, who will declare the official results as totals in their counties.

The state results will be declared officially by the state Democratic executive committee next Tuesday unless some contest should develop. In that case, time will be allowed for a sub-committee to hear the contest and the general executive committee meeting postponed until the following week.

Noted Kentucky Sportsman Dies

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Col. E. R. Bradley, 86-year-old sportsman whose horses have won four Kentucky Derbies, died of a heart attack at his Idle House farm at Lexington at 1 a. m. today.

Because of his advanced age, Col. Bradley had been less active in recent years but still maintained a lively interest in horse racing and thoroughbred breeding. These activities were centered at his farm near here, one of the show places of the Blue Grass state.

Leading Stocks Drift In Market

New York, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Leading stocks, with steels and liquors in front, drifted over a losing course in today's market.

In the backward division were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Southern Pacific, Chrysler and Goodyear.

Resistant were Eastman Kodak, Phelps Dodge and International Nickel.

U. S. Refuses To Take Part In Britain's Plan For Palestine

Poison Suspect



DECLARING "I am innocent," motherly-looking Mrs. Lottie Lockman, 62, of Du Pont, Ind., has been charged with attempting to murder by poison Mrs. Mamie McConnell, invalid wife of a prosperous merchant. Authorities say they have found traces of poison in the exhumed bodies of other persons Mrs. Lockman was nursing at the time they died. (International)

Both Parties Bid For Aid Of L'Follette

Democrats Make Bid For His Support In Fall Elections

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Both major parties obviously hoped today for Senator Robert M. LaFollette's support in November amid conflicting forecasts of the political portents of his defeat.

Beaten for Wisconsin's GOP senatorial nomination by Joseph McCarthy, 37-year-old war veteran, LaFollette himself kept mum on future plans. He told a reporter by telephone that he will make no political decisions for several weeks, but he reiterated he will not run as an independent.

As a former Progressive who voted consistently with the Roosevelt New Deal on domestic legislation, the veteran lawmaker had an open invitation from Senator Taylor (D) of Idaho to come back into the administration fold.

In a statement inspired by party leaders, Taylor said LaFollette's defeat in the GOP primary proved "there is no room in the Republican ranks for men with the interest of the people at heart."

CATTLE SALE URGED.

College Station, Raleigh, Aug. 15.—All grass-fed cattle that are now ready for the market, in the cullings of beef cattle herds, should be sold before the rush of fall marketing.

Attorney General Rules On Teachers And Schools

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—Several statutes affecting public schools made up the bulk of the digest of opinions released for publication by the attorney general's office today.

Teachers and state employees who have previously established prior service in the retirement system and who entered the armed forces between September 16, 1940, and February 17, 1941, (first qualifying date for membership) and who returned to state employ after honorable discharge are entitled to full credit for all prior service, the attorney general held in one opinion.

State school law requires that principals and teachers who are re-elected must be notified of their re-election before close of the term.

When a school superintendent submits his resignation based upon certain conditions and these conditions fail to develop, the resignation may be withdrawn and if it has already been accepted the acceptance may be rescinded by the school board.

Subject to approval of the state board of education county commissioner may levy a tax for support

British Must Cope With Issue Alone

London, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Authoritative sources in the British government said today that the U. S. has refused to participate in the plan for dividing Palestine as recommended by a British-American cabinet committee of experts, leaving Britain to cope with the problem by herself.

President Truman made the U. S. decision known in a letter saying he would neither accept nor reject the plan at this time without "the support of the American people," these sources said.

British officials, who had made it plain that the plan for dividing Palestine into four zones in a federal state depended upon support of the United States, they now feel that they have to seek a new solution.

Will Not Release Letter.

The government has decided not to make President Truman's letter public for the time being, these sources said.

The President's decision apparently meant that the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, recommended by a British-American committee of inquiry which spent months in investigating the situation both in Europe and Palestine, would be postponed beyond the end of the year.

Both Arabs and Jews have declared the scheme, at least in many of its phases, was unacceptable. Jews were particularly incensed by failure to provide for the immediate admission of at least 100,000 of their race.

Conference Held.

Just before President Truman's decision was disclosed, Colonial Secretary George Hall conferred with Dr. Chaim Weizman, world president of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Nahum Goldman, agency representative in Washington, Rabbi Stephen Wise, of New York, Beryl Locker, agency executive member for Britain, and Elzhar Kaplan, agency treasurer.

Several of the conferees came from Paris especially for the meeting.

An informant said the decisions centered on these points:

1—The release of Jewish Agency leaders, recently arrested in Palestine, which the Jews maintain is a prerequisite for any future negotiations with Britain. British informants have hinted that the agency leaders might be released.

2—The Jewish representation in coming talks with Britain on the future of the Holy Land. The British are trying to work out separate talks with the Arabs as well as the Jews, before the meeting of the United Nations Assembly September 23.

Cabinet Meeting Hinted.

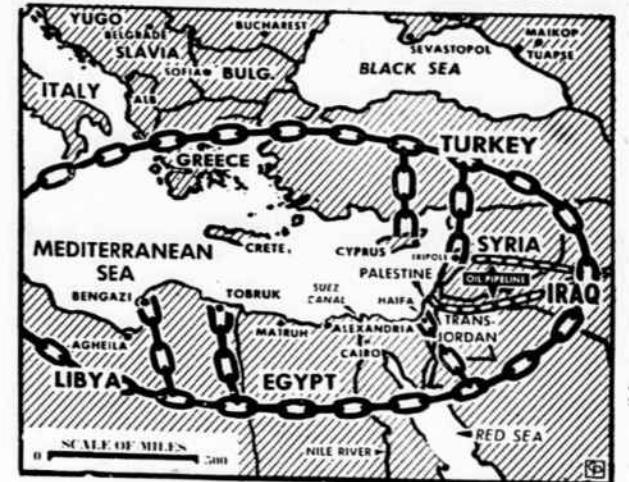
President Truman's refusal to participate in the federation plan. An emergency cabinet meeting was expected to be held on the question before the end of the week.

Paris dispatches said there were indications of optimism among Jewish leaders when they left for their talks with Dr. Weizman and Hall in London.

Weather

FOX, NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cooling with moderate temperatures tonight, becoming partly cloudy and warmer Friday.

BRITAIN'S NEAR EAST STRATEGY



BEHIND THE CURRENT TURMOIL in the Near East lies the new British strategy, in which Palestine is the key, following the evacuation of troops from Egypt. Determined to forge an iron chain around the approaches to the vital Suez Canal, Britain is reported ready to build new naval and air bases in Cyprus, Tripoli, Haifa, Tobruk and Benghazi. The Tripoli and Haifa anchors would, in addition, flank the tremendously important pipelines to oil-rich Iraq. In addition, British officials are setting up on Cyprus a temporary camp for the detention of Jews illegally attempting to enter Palestine on refugee ships. (International)

CIO Plots Wage Strategy; NMU Lake Seamen Strike

Non-Union Members Expected To Back Curran's Actions

Cleveland, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The CIO National Maritime Union called its Great Lakes seamen out on strike today and estimated that sufficient non-union members would join the walkout to paralyze Lake shipping within several days.

President Joseph Curran of the NMU, who sped to Cleveland by plane from Washington to help direct the strike, estimated the union's Lake members at 4,500.

At strike headquarters here, a spokesman said between 4,000 and 5,000 other seamen were expected to join the stoppage. He estimated the number of vessels operating on the lakes at 360 and said a "large majority" would be idle within a few days.

Cooperation Pledged.

The spokesman said the CIO members from coast to coast have agreed to cooperate. The extent of the cooperation was not defined.

Early reports from union headquarters said pickets were posted at all major Lake ports, including Cleveland, Buffalo, Detroit, Erie, Pa., Duluth, Toledo, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Union leaders said the "reaction from unorganized crews has been amazingly good" and added that "Canadian seamen" are with us 100 per cent.

Conference Held.

The strike began at 12:01 a. m. while Curran and other union officials conferred in Washington with government conciliators and some company officials.

The NMU originally demanded a 40 hour work week, but officials said this had been discarded along with wage increases of 10, 15 and 18 cents hourly for beginners and certain rated men and preferential hiring through union halls.

A flat overtime rate that would vary with ratings was substituted for original overtime demands for Saturday and Sunday work.

Gov. Cherry Lauds Kind of Government Enjoyed By U. S.

Newton, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Governor Cherry said here today that "in spite of our deficiencies, our form of government has brought more men and women of every class, race and creed a higher, freer and more progressive enjoyment of the better things of life than any other form of government devised by man since this planet began to revolve about the sun."

Speaking at Catawba county memorial dedication services, the governor said: "As we gather around this historic spot dedicated to the heroic dead of Catawba county, we should gather courage and inspiration for the living and the generations that are to come."

New York Cotton

New York, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 50 cents to \$1.20 a bale higher. Noon prices were 80 cents a bale higher to 45 lower. October 36.00, December 36.00, and March 35.93.

National Officers Meet In Capital To Discuss Plans

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The CIO plotted its future wage-price strategy today.

Top national officers as well as regional, state and local representatives gathered for an emergency session to discuss what has happened to the wage earners' dollar in the light of recent price boosts.

The meeting, following a gathering of CIO vice-presidents yesterday to draft formal declarations of policy was thrown open to newsmen. The policy declarations were not made public.

The top unanswered question in advance of today's session was whether the labor organization would launch a new wave of wage demands.

Three big CIO unions already are talking along this line.

They are the packinghouse workers, now in wage negotiations with Swift and Co.; the executive board of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers; and the executive board of the CIO oil workers, meeting at Ft. Worth, Tex.

The wage stabilization board's two public members, Chairman W. W. Wirtz and Vice-Chairman Philip M. Garman, advised the price decontrol board yesterday that the government's whole stabilization program depends on rolling back prices on essential food items.

The CIO has made similar suggestions. And President Philip Murray was scheduled to testify before the decontrol panel at 4 p. m.

CIO Head Demands Prices Be Stabilized

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—President Philip Murray of the CIO declared today that "labor can not continue to participate in a stabilization program in which wages are rolled back while at the same time increases in the cost of living become a daily occurrence."

"A stabilization program which means curbs on wage increases and soaring price increases," he said, "is not a stabilization program but a fraud."

He said existing standards of the national wage stabilization board must be revised in the light of higher living costs.

The CIO leader renewed his request that President Truman call a labor management conference, asserting that unless some "action is taken to protect the peoples' living standards, the stage will be set for a new depression."

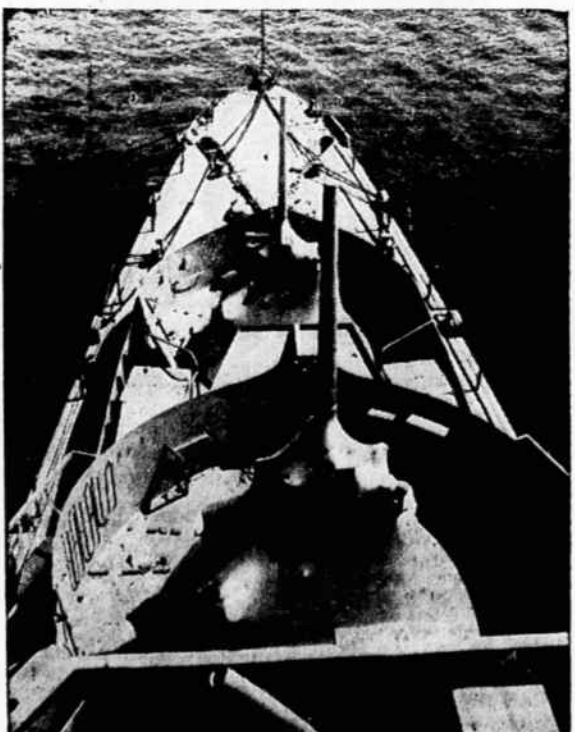
RECKLESS DRIVING IS HIT BY ARMY

Washington, Aug. 15.—The army launched today a nationwide drive against reckless driving. The program involves:

Measures to apprehend and discipline all violators of safe driving and traffic regulations, and training of teams to instruct military personnel at all army installations in the art of driving safely.

The war department estimated that during world war II approximately 50 per cent of all accidental deaths involving military personnel, other than aircraft, were motor fatalities. They numbered about 12,400 deaths.

COBWEBS FOR PROTECTION



A Navy destroyer-escort, attached to the inactive fleet, is shown "zipped-up" for peace, at Green Cove Springs, Fla. As protection against rust, the two forward gun mounts are spun with film-like coverings made of special plastic. Official Navy Photograph