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"OPERATION DAGGER" was the name of the maneuvers in which Britain tested her air defenses in full scale. It was the largest exercise since the war. Fighter command was ready to "scramble" into action against "enemy" bombers. The mock air war was aided by the RAF Auxiliary and three wings of American Super Forts now in Britain. The scene of newest "Battle for England" was over the Midlands and Southern England. At right, Gunner No. 2, W. McBride of Crief, Perthshire, mans the rear gun turret of a Lincoln Bomber awaiting take-off for a raid on "enemy" territory. At left, in background, is a U. S. B-29.

Arabs Form Government For Palestine Over Protests Of Two Nations

Amman, Trans-Jordan, Sept. 20—(AP)—Over the strong protests of Trans-Jordan and Iraq, the Arab league announced formation today of an Arab government for Palestine.

Ahmed Hilmy Pasha, military governor of the Arab-held section of Jerusalem, was appointed prime minister of the new government, an official announcement here said, despite a declaration from King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan that such a government would amount to partitioning Palestine.

The Arabs have fought against partition ever since the beginning, he said. King Abdullah refused to permit formation of the government "within the security zone of the Trans-Jordan government, which extends from the Egyptian kingdom's frontiers to the frontiers of Syria and Lebanon."

He added: "Creation of such a government is an arbitrary act without the consent of the Palestinian people, a thing I will not agree to and will oppose."

Abdullah's declaration this brought to a head long-simmering differences over the formation of Arab government for Palestine. Abdullah has been pictured as seeing in such a government an effort by the Mufti of Jerusalem to carve out a base of power for himself in Palestine.

Renewed shelling in the old city of Jerusalem combined to make this one of the tensest moments since the truce began last July 18.

Florida Braces As Hurricane Warning Posted

BULLETIN
—Hurricane warnings were Miami, Fla., Sept. 20—(AP)—hoisted over Florida from Miami to Key West at 2 p. m. today as a tropical storm edged close to Cuba and headed for the Florida Keys.

Miami, Fla., Sept. 20—(AP)—South Florida from Miami through the Keys today was placed in the "danger zone" of a hurricane with winds well over 100 miles an hour, as a tug raced to aid the stricken British freighter Lochmoran with 73 persons aboard.

The 9,000-ton Lochmoran with a crew of 87 and six passengers was hard aground on Little Cayman Island near the fringe of the storm. Her master radioed he was "still hanging on" but that heavy seas whipped by the hurricane were "pounding."

The tug cur was expected to reach the scene during the morning. A navy tug stood by in case further aid was needed, the coast guard here reported. The cur left Kingston, Jamaica, late yesterday.

The weather bureau in a 4:45 a. m. (EST) advisory placed extreme south Florida in the "danger zone" of the storm and cautioned all interests to remain on the alert.

Chief storm forecaster Grady Norton said the Florida area under the alert was from Miami south on the east coast and from Everglades south on the west coast.

The Eyes Had It For This Watchman

Whittier, Calif., Sept. 20—(AP)—The eyes had it for Sam Lipscomb.

Lipscomb, 60, flood control watchman, told police a car containing a man and a woman drove up while he was on duty. The woman, dressed in gypsy garb, engaged him in conversation, said Lipscomb. The man just stared.

The watchman reported he "came to" in his shack 12 hours later, his wallet and \$42 gone.

"Must have been hypnotism," said Lipscomb, looking police right in the eye.

Rita Johnson Still Critical

Hollywood, Sept. 20—(AP)—Condition of Actress Rita Johnson remains critical.

Going into the 14th day of coma after a brain injury, the film player, 35, was reported "no better, no worse" by hospital attendants.

She was struck by a falling hair drier, police believe, in her apartment Sept. 6.

Lions Club Festival Begins Tonight With Gala Street Dance; Full Week's Program

Tonight is The Night, so far as the members of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club are concerned because at 6:30 the gates will be flung open on the club's annual festival.

First on the docket of a full week of festivity and entertainment for all will be a street dance starting at 7:30 on Hamilton Street in front of the Roanoke Rapids High School. The dance will be free to all, and the Lions have invited everybody to attend and enjoy the dancing on the oatmeal-littered street which will be blocked off by members of the police force. Algie Batts, popular young band leader, will provide music from the "band stand" on the steps of the school and a public address system will see to it that the music will be heard and enjoyed by all.

Last year at the first in what the Lions intend to be an annual event, some 3,000 people turned out for the street dance and everyone agreed it was an entertaining affair. The Lions say they hope that even more people will be on hand for the dance tonight, which is set to close at 9:30.

Members of the club have invited everyone to come early and spend some time inside the "Festival grounds" on the north

field of the high school. There seven thrill rides have been set up and will be in operation each evening during the six-day festival. The big feature of the field is a large tent, which has been erected to exhibit displays by various business firms in town. There will be on exhibit many of the products available to the people who buy in Roanoke Rapids, many of them produced right here in the town.

The street dance tonight will be only the beginning of the great array of entertainment lined up for the Lions for the next six days. Other things will include two nights of boxing, a Talent Night and quiz show, a Fiddlers' Convention and the big coronation ball at the Armory to be concluded with the crowning of the Queen of the Festival.

The entire festival is being done for charity to enable the Lions to swell their treasury with funds which will allow them to carry out the charitable work they have been doing in this area for years. Last year, for instance, they contributed more than \$2,700 to worthy causes, and they said they are out to exceed that this year, and hope to be able to do so if the Festival is as big a success as planned.

Truman Urges Westerners To Fight Against "GOP Sabotage Of Homeplace"

Bernadotte's Posthumous Report Says U. N. Should End Palestine Troubles

Paris, Sept. 20—(AP)—A posthumous report by the murdered Count Folke Bernadotte declares the United Nations should step in and end the Palestine war if the Arabs and Jews fail to make peace.

The mediator wrote that Israel exists in Palestine, and the future of Arab Palestine should be left to the Arab states in full consultation with the Arab inhabitants of the Holy Land.

His 35,000-word report was distributed to the 58 U. N. member states as his body and that of French Lt. Col. Andre Pierre Serot were being flown home.

It was tentatively planned to hold a memorial service at Paris' Orly Field. After receiving homage from high United Nations and French officials, Bernadotte's body would be flown to Stockholm.

En route West with Dewey, Sept. 20—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey bore down on a "peace and freedom" theme today as his special train rolled westward toward Des Moines and a major campaign speech tonight.

Shrugging off vigorous attacks on the Republicans by President Truman, the GOP presidential nominee prepared to tell the country just what kind of a government he expects to run if he is elected in November.

His secretary, Paul Lockwood gave reporters a brief preview. Lockwood said Dewey intends to "pledge his unswerving adherence" to "the basic principles and purposes of free government."

"He believes that they must be followed by the next administration in order to unite America and to carry forward in a troubled world the hope of freedom and the living premise that men can be free and that free men can live in peace," Lockwood added.

This peace-and-freedom theme seemed unlikely to parallel proposals made by Henry Wallace, Progressive Party candidate for president, toward the same objectives.

In fact, aides said they expect Dewey to pledge himself to a firm stand against any further widening of Russian authority in Europe or Asia.

Report Reds Arming Troops In Germany

Berlin, Sept. 20—(AP)—An anti-communist newspaper claimed today that communists in eastern Germany are arming illegal shock troops for an eventual attempt to seize power in Berlin and all Germany by force.

Montag's Echo, organ of the rightist liberal Democratic party, charged that these shock troops are composed of armed civilians who are being organized as auxiliaries of the communist-controlled eastern German police.

So-called workers police battalions are being formed in the Russian sector of Berlin and throughout the Soviet occupation zone, the newspaper said. This was the latest of several recent reports in the western-licensed press that German communists, with Russian aid, are building up their forces for an eventual armed fight for Germany.

Meanwhile, the communists have been propagandizing Russian proposals that all occupying forces be withdrawn from Germany.

If that should happen, western sources said, the communists alone would have armed forces at their disposal to work their will on German anti-communists. The newspaper charge came shortly after communists patrols raided newsstands in the Russian sector of Berlin yesterday, ripping and scattering anti-Red newspapers in an apparent showdown over the free dissemination of news.

Report Estonian Refugees Are Headed Into Wilmington Harbor

Wilmington—(AP)—Commander E. M. Johnson, Oak Island Coast Guard Station, headed 10 miles to sea off Southport this morning at 7:15 to investigate a report that 30 Estonian refugees, aboard a boat flying a white and black flag with black bars, is approaching the harbor, where 15 Estonians landed aboard a 37-foot sloop Aug. 17.

Making the report to Commander Johnson was Captain Hulan Watts, skipper of the Idleon, commercial sport fisherman, which sighted the first band of Estonians to arrive here August 16 at daybreak. Captain Watts radioed the Coast Guard station

at Southport at 7 a. m. and continued with his fishing party toward the gulf stream.

In less than 15 minutes, the Coast Guard, alerted for such occurrences, was on its way to intercept and investigate the reported small craft.

Captain Watts reported that there did not seem to be anything amiss with the small craft "which appeared to be about the size of the 'Roland' in which the other Estonians made their landing at Southport."

Watts said the boat, which appeared to be crowded with passengers "obviously refugees" and flying the Estonian flag, was located 10 miles off Southport at 7 a. m.

Police said three of the bandits stood guard outside, systematically slashing the tires of parked automobiles, while the other four entered, lined the guests against a wall and robbed them of their money, rings and watches.

The seven of them made their escape in four cars belonging to guests at the party. Three of the cars, together with several suits of khaki clothing which the gunmen wore during the robbery, later were found abandoned on a highway outside the city.

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Baptist Mission Program Starts Here Tonight

Tonight at 7:30 the Rosemary Baptist Church will open its doors to members of Baptist Churches from this area for the first of an association-wide series of meetings of the Week of Missions sponsored by the Roanoke Baptist Association.

Rev. Cyrus W. Bazemore, association missionary in charge, will handle arrangements for the meetings which will be held all week in churches throughout the Association.

The Rosemary Church will serve as host church for all members of the congregations of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, Enfield, Weldon, Tillery, Darlington, Halifax, Gaston and Antioch, and all members of those churches have been issued a cordial invitation to attend all of the services, which will feature addresses by many of the leading missionary leaders and foreign missionaries in the state.

Booth home and foreign missionaries will appear on the programs which have been arranged, with services beginning each evening at 7:30 and lasting until 9:00.

Dr. Earl Bradley, Director of the School of Missions of the Baptist Church will be the speaker of the evening tonight, and tomorrow the message will be brought by the Rev. James Ray, Secretary of the State Baptist Training Union.

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Makes Dire Predictions If GOP Wins

Denver, Sept. 20—(AP)—President Truman called upon Rocky Mountain voters today to join him in a fight against "Republican undercover sabotage of the west."

He predicted that if the Republicans take over the government, "they will try to turn back the clock to the day when the west was an economic colony of Wall Street."

Mr. Truman told the westerners their hope for "new developments of your agriculture, your industry and your commerce" lies in insuring the election of a Democratic administration "pledged to give you that aid and support."

Mr. Truman spoke from the grounds of the state capitol after a parade and impromptu speeches elsewhere in the city.

In the second major address of his current campaign swing, he said the Republicans in congress "consistently tried to cut the grounds from under our conservation programs. There is a hard fight ahead," Mr. Truman asserted.

"We shall have to fight the slick political propaganda of the special interests and the Republican leadership. We shall have to fight the millions of dollars that Wall Street is pouring into the Treasury of the Republican party."

"We shall have to fight the Republican undercover sabotage of the west."

Mr. Truman declared that "we of the Democratic party are eager for that fight."

"We are firmly determined to leave after us a land that is better than we found it."

While he laid special emphasis on hydro-electric power and other water development projects of the west, the president again attacked the Republicans on housing and price control issues.

He repeated his previous complaint that Senator Taft (R-Ohio) voted against a housing bill "with his own name on it." He referred to the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill.

The Republicans, he continued, killed the bill because "they wanted to leave housing under the control of profiteering big business."

"There is a lot of money to be made out of providing houses for the people—if private interests are allowed to exact exorbitant profits from the people."

And if the Republicans win, he said, the future of housing "would be in the hands of the same men who killed the housing bill—the men who obey the lobbyists of the selfish interests."

Turning to high prices, Mr. Truman said "the leaders of the Republican party" are to blame. If controls he sought had been adopted, the president said, "the prices of such things as meat, milk, steel and automobiles would have been stabilized or reduced."

The Republicans in Congress said his request "was made for political purposes," Mr. Truman observed. He called this an excuse for doing "nothing about prices."

"I say flatly," the president told his audience "that the Republican leaders have been working against the interest of the people."

"They have been the eager agents of the big business lobbies and the most reactionary elements in American economic life."

Continued fair weather and not much change in temperature today, tonight and tomorrow is the weather forecast for the Carolinas.

Clear skies prevailed generally throughout the two states yesterday and high temperatures were several degrees above the previous day for most points.

Raleigh, with 92 degrees, had the highest recorded reading.

Other highs: Greensboro, Florence, Winston-Salem, and Greenville (S.C.) 86 degrees; Charlotte, Hickory and Anderson 88; Charleston and Wilmington 84; Columbia, Lumberton and Rocky Mount 80; Cherry Point and Myrtle Beach and Asheville 83.

Godwin Heads Legion Membership Drive

Charlotte, Sept. 20—(AL)—C. Godwin of Raleigh and New Bern is directing the American Legion's 1948 membership drive in North Carolina.

Appointment of Godwin was announced by Joseph W. Gray Jr., of Charlotte, commander of the State Department of the legion. Godwin is state veterans employment representative and has been active in legion work

U.S. Control Of Installment Purchases Effective Today

Predict Prices Of Used Cars Will Tumble

Washington, Sept. 20—(AP)—Federal control of installment buying returned today after a 11-month absence.

During that time the volume of time buying mounted to a record of nearly \$7,500,000,000. Some auto dealers and finance men predicted the generally stiffer terms will put the skids under the premium prices for used cars and put late models beyond the reach of many families.

They reasoned: To buy a car selling for 1,800 the purchaser must pay down \$600 and \$80 a month for 18 months. Monthly payments alone take a fourth of the income of a 3,649 a year family. And it costs money to operate a car.

The Federal Reserve Board, which fixed the credit terms under authority voted by congress last month as an anti-inflation step, had more limited expectations—that the growth of the time buying debt would be slowed, not stopped or cut back.

Representatives of the auto manufacturers say the controls will not affect new car sales. They point to a backlog of orders for all cars that can be turned out in the next two years—when the controls are scheduled to expire and terms for new cars have been about as tough as the new ones.

Warrenton Man Takes Job In Paris

Warrenton—J. S. Boyce, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyce, Jr., of Warrenton left by air last week for Paris, France, where he will take up duties in the circulation department of Time-Life International.

Boyce, who is 26 years old, was graduated from the University of North Carolina in August of 1946 with a degree in Commerce after serving four years in the Navy.

He attended the American Institute for Foreign Trade in Phoenix, Ariz., and began training for foreign service with Time-Life International in July, 1947.

Boyce expects to remain abroad for two years.

State Leads Nation In Assault Cases

Washington, Sept. 20—(A.P.)—North Carolina had more aggravated assaults in the first six months of this year than any other state.

Federal Bureau of Investigation figures show aggravated assaults in the Tar Heel state totaled 242 per 100,000 persons.

New Controlled Credit Plan Goes Into Effect Here This Morning

This morning at 12:01 the country went under a controlled credit plan. There has been a lot of confusion about just how the act will affect businesses, but most people are worried about how the new regulation will affect the customers.

According to Mrs. Elva Martin, manager of the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association Credit Bureau Division, this new control may not even be noticed by many credit buyers. Information received from the Associated Credit Bureaus of America—the trade association in St. Louis which gives Roanoke Rapids international coverage—indicates that the act is not nearly so strict as most people suppose.

First of all, it does not even touch the ordinary 30 day charge account. Your favorite credit firm will still be able to give you the option of paying on the tenth instead of writing a check before you leave the counter.

Uncle Sam is not worried about your small purchases, either, for the new regulation doesn't affect items that retail for less than \$50. Only 12 kinds of consumers' durable goods are specifically named in the regulation.

Those of us who are on the preferred list for a new car may have to dig into our savings more deeply than we had planned, for automobiles will require a 33-1/3 percent down payment, beginning today. If the balance due on your car doesn't exceed \$1000, it must be paid off in 15 months.

If the balance is over \$1000, you can take 18 months to call it yours—but your payments must not be less than \$70 per month. Incidentally, these maturity provisions apply to all loans and merchandise.

Besides automobiles, the following articles are listed in the regulation: cooking stoves, dishwashers, ironers, refrigerators, washing machines, combination units of these items, air conditioners (room unit, radio television and phonograph sets, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, and furniture and soft-surface floor coverings. All of these are subject to a 20 per cent down payment.

Actually, the new regulation is designed to require customers to do just what we've been preaching they should do for years—"Pay your accounts as agreed, and don't be fooled into thinking the ability to say charge it increases your ability to pay. Credit is no substitute for income."

It was pointed out that the new regulation will not affect the need for complete credit information in the community, or the necessity for keeping personal credit records good. The fact that customers will be required to meet certain definite requirements when purchasing some merchandise will make it doubly important for firms to get credit reports when they buy those items which are not on the "protected" list.

While the government can enact many kinds of credit legislation, true credit control and protection against inflation actually lies with the customer. His intelligent buying is our greatest bulwark against inflation.

Hyderabad Now Under Indian Control

New Delhi India, Sept. 20—(AP)—Hyderabad, which lost a six-day war to India is now under the civil and military control of that dominion.

Secunderabad, original objective of the Indian invasion after the Nizam of Hyderabad had refused India's request for permission to garrison it because of alleged disorders, is now under the command of Lt. Gen. Moharaja Shri Rajendrashinji, an army spokesman said.

A dispatch from Secunderabad said that the working committee of the Hyderabad state Congress party, will hold an emergency session in a few days to discuss its relationship with the National Congress party.

Dr. Rice Continues Services Here At First Baptist Church

Dr. John R. Rice, nationally known evangelist, is holding services each night, this week, at the First Baptist Church. The services begin at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

This is Dr. Rice's first trip to Roanoke Rapids, and it should prove to be a great advantage to all who attend his services. Each morning he holds a Bible class from 10 until 11 o'clock, in the church.

Tonight his subject will be the "Crucifixion."

Dr. Rice is the editor of a paper, "The Sword of the Lord", and the author of some thirty books.