

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REVEALS GROWING AID FOR BRITAIN

Tells Boston Through Britain To Get More Than 25,000 United States Planes; Large Arms Orders Also Slat; Asails Republican Record on Farm Legislation

Boston, Oct. 30.—President Roosevelt disclosed tonight that he has asked the National Defense Priorities Board to give "most sympathetic consideration" to a British request for permission to buy 12,000 additional planes in the United States.
In a campaign speech, prepared for a nationwide broadcast from a Democratic rally in the Boston Garden, he said there was a "steady stream of airplanes" already flowing from this country to Britain. This, he asserted, was responsible in part for the fact that the strength of the Royal Air Force was greater now than at the start of "three months of blitzing in the air."
When the additional orders contemplated by Britain were approved, he said, they would bring England's present orders for military planes from the United States to more than 28,000.
"They will require still more new plant facilities," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "so that the present program of building planes for military purposes both for the United States and Great Britain will not be interrupted."
"Also large additional orders are being negotiated for artillery, machine guns, rifles and tanks, with equipment and ammunition. The plant capacity necessary to produce all of this military equipment is and will be available to serve the needs of the United States in any emergency."

For Both
Stephan Early, Mr. Roosevelt's press secretary, told reporters that the additional orders being negotiated for artillery and other weapons were for both Britain and the United States.
The President's address came at the end of a day in which he had traveled through Connecticut and Massachusetts and received a tumultuous reception upon his arrival in Boston.
Police Superintendent Edward J. Fallon estimated that 500,000 persons saw the Chief Executive during his ride in an open car, just after dark, from Boston's South Station to the home of his son, John, for dinner.
One group of young men in a fraternity house near John's apartment house chanted "We Want Willkie" as the President left his car on his son's arm, while another group of students set up a rival yell of "We Want Roosevelt."
Police said the students attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Farm Topic
Mr. Roosevelt devoted much of his address tonight to a denunciation of what he called the Republican record on aid to farmers.
He said that Representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, the Republican National chairman, who "may be slated for same cabinet post," had voted against "every single one of the farm measures recommended by his administration."
Nowhere in the prepared address did the President mention Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican Presidential candidate, by name.
At one point he said Representative Martin was of "national interest" because, when he was appointed national Republican chairman, "this handsome verbal bouquet, this expensive orchid, was pinned upon him." "In public life for many years, Joe Martin has represented all that is finest in American public life."
"Considering the source of that orchid," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "Martin may be slated for some Cabinet post."
Inviting an audience in Martin's home state to look at his "voting record," the Chief Executive said:
"Martin voted against the Public Utility Holding Company Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the National Securities Exchange Act, and the extension of the C.C.C. He voted against practically all relief and work relief measures, and against the appropriation for rural electrification."
Also the President added, Martin had voted against the Civil Service Extension Act and against the United States Housing Act.
After declaring that the Republican chairman had voted against every administration farm measure, he said:
"Perhaps he will be rewarded for this loyal service to the principles of his party by being appointed Secretary of Agriculture."
Mr. Roosevelt said Republicans in Congress had been going as a "party" to "take the country back" to "All-Americanism."

were now saying that "we are not doing enough for our national defense," he contended that the defense program was going "full speed ahead" and that "the vast majority of Republican members of the Congress voted against building any additional battleships" when the naval expansion bill was under consideration in 1936.
"What kind of political shenanigans are these?" he demanded, employing a phrase he had used repeatedly.
Mr. Roosevelt declared that Republicans had done nothing between 1920 and 1933 to stop the decline of farm income, the piling up of surpluses and the increase of farm debts.
He said Republicans were "ridiculous" when they shed "crocodile tears over the plight of the farmer."
Before every election day, he continued, the Republicans "always uncorked the old bottle of soothing syrup and spread it thick."
"The American farmers will not be deceived by pictures of Old Guard candidates; putting cows and pitching hay in front of moving picture cameras," Mr. Roosevelt declared.
"All the sweet words of the Republican leaders in Philadelphia last June—they were not worth the paper they were written on."

Registrars Rollins Has Announced Polling Place

Registrar Melvin Rollins announces that the polling place for the National and State Election on Tuesday, November 5, will be in the vacant store next to the Davis Supply Co., on Wilson street, in which balloting has been done for several primaries, etc.
According to Registrar Rollins the polls will open at 6:24 A. M. Tuesday, November 5, and close at 5:02 in the afternoon.

RAF Busy Despite Heavy Snowstorm

Bomb Berlin and Many Other Nazi Targets; Guns Repel Nazi Attacks
London, Oct. 30.—Planes of the British Royal Air Force roared over Berlin in a blinding snow storm last night and sent high explosives and incendiaries crashing earthward in the pale light of parachute flares, the Air Ministry said today.
A large electrical works was hit, the British pilots reported.
They also started fires at oil plants at Magdeburg, Homburg and Sterkrade, the ministry said.
A thick mist froze on the planes over the North Sea and Western Germany on the long flight to the German capital and other industrial centers. The weather thickened as they moved eastward and snow began falling, sticking to windshields and filling into the cockpits.
The men were reduced to blind flying, hopeful that the weather would break before they reached Berlin. Instead, it got worse, so that they were barely able to pick out their objectives.
"Still, we managed to find our target," one pilot said.
Other raiders swooped down on Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, Germany, and on Det Helder, Ymuiden and Flushing, Holland, and Ostend, Belgium, attacking shipyards and docks.
In Berlin, informed sources said 15 persons were killed by R. A. F. bombs in various Dutch localities.
Other planes attacked railway communications, searchlights batteries, airbases and anti-aircraft gun positions. The ministry said two British planes were lost in the operations.
The Air Ministry's news service said the British attacked 29 enemy airbases in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, and started fires at 14 of them.

George W. Davis Heads County Advisory Com. Service Questionnaires

George W. Davis, who heads the Pitt County advisory committee in relation to the Selective Service Questionnaires, which will be mailed out to registrants with instructions to informants wanted, will have associated with him, Charles F. Hancock and J. W. Joyner of Farmville, in this township, and Don Lewis and W. J. Bundy, in the Greenville township.
The duties of these men will be that of sending registrants in filling out these questionnaires with information. "All-Americanism" might mean these "ridiculous" criticisms.

First 1,000 Numbers Drawn Affect Only 392 Pitt Men

VOTE TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 5, will be long remembered as a red letter day in this nation, for that is the day when citizens will have the opportunity to show their interest in the welfare of their country, and their loyalty to the principles of Democracy by VOTING in the National and State Election.
A heavy vote is anticipated by election officials in this township, but all citizens, who are eligible, are URGED TO VOTE.

District Meet Set For Nov. 12

Public Invited To Attend Welfare Conference To Be Held In Greenville

The Northeastern District Welfare Conference will be held in Greenville on Tuesday, November 12. Twenty-two counties will be represented at this meeting. The conference will be held in the Sunday School Annex of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. Leaders in Social and Civic Clubs, Church groups, ministers, doctors, and interested citizens are cordially invited to attend.
The conference is an open meeting and provides an opportunity to learn more about Public Welfare as it relates to the community. The theme of the conference is "The Community and Public Welfare." The program will be led by outstanding speakers included among the speakers are Mrs. W. T. Best, Commissioner of Public Welfare; Mr. Curtis Ezell, Director of the Division of Public Institutions and Corrections; Dr. James Watson, Director of the Division of Mental Hygiene; Mr. T. L. Grier, Selection Officer for the C.C.C.; Mr. Nathan H. Yelton, Director of Public Assistance; Dr. Roma Sawyer Cheek, Executive Secretary, State Commission for the Blind; and Dr. Frank DeVyver, Supervisor of the Merit System in North Carolina. In addition to these speakers, Mr. James A. Glover, State President of the Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare, will also give the annual address at this time. Mr. Lewis Bullock, Director of the Eastern Carolina Symphony Choir, will have charge of the musical numbers. The Commissioner of Pensions, Honorable Edwin Gill, will be the luncheon speaker.
A panel discussion on youth and its problems will be led by Mr. Junius H. Rose, Supt. of the City Schools, with several visiting speakers participating in this program. This one-day conference gives the citizens of Pitt County an opportunity to learn the current philosophy and practice of Public Welfare Work.
Mayor Jack Spain is in charge of the Committee on Local Arrangement with R. B. Sugg, Mrs. J. M. Holbrook, W. M. Ormond, J. W. Hook, and George Davis. Mrs. Waldo Harrington is Chairman of the Registration Committee with Mrs. H. L. Ormond, Mrs. E. S. Neal, Mrs. S. M. Crisp, Miss Jean Hodges, Mrs. K. R. Pace, and Mrs. Carl Adams. Station WGTG and editors of the papers in the county will handle the publicity. The luncheon will be in charge of Mrs. J. H. B. Moore and members of the Woman's Club. The Hospitality Committee is composed of the Boards of County Commissioners and the Welfare Boards of Pitt and Edgecombe Counties.
K. T. Futrell, Superintendent of Public Welfare in Pitt County, is President of the North Eastern District and Mrs. Mary Forbes, Superintendent of Public Welfare in Edgecombe County, is Secretary.
Registration for the Conference begins at 9:30 and the program promptly at 10:00 o'clock.

WHO KNOWS?

1. When will the first man be called into service under the conscription act?
2. Do all of the polls indicate a Roosevelt victory at the polls?
3. What state has the largest Electoral College vote?
4. How many members of the House of Representatives will be elected this year?
5. How many businesses are subject to the wage and hour law?
6. How does U. S. trade with Japan and China compare?
7. Who is the American ambassador to China?
8. About how many Americans will vote in the Presidential Election of 1940?
9. Where is the Seat of Massachusetts?
10. The Answers on Page 4

It Is Estimated That Initial Call To Colors To Come From This Number

Charles William Minton (white) of Bethel and David Henry Bennett (colored) of Greenville, were the two Pitt county holders of number 156, the first number of America's first peace-time conscription lottery drawn in Washington, D. C. shortly after noon Tuesday.
Of the first 1,000 numbers drawn in the national conscription lottery the numbers of 392 Pitt county men were drawn, and it is believed that from this group will come the great majority of those who might be called into service during the first year of training.
Of the 392 Pitt county men, 188 were drawn from Board number One which includes Farmville, Fountain, Falkland, Bethel, Belvoir, Carolina, Pacolet and the northern half of Greenville townships, while from Board Number Two including the southern half of Greenville and Pitt county, 207 numbers were drawn.
Just as soon as official numbers are received from Washington by the local boards each man will be sent a questionnaire in the order in which he was drawn Tuesday as shown in the order numbers of the two boards and the registrant will have five days in which to furnish all the required information and then return the questionnaire to the local board. From the information contained in the questionnaire each of the men will be classified and then the first call for men come from those registrants placed by the boards in the first class.
Just when the first call would come and just how many Pitt county men will be asked to answer the call in the near future is unknown at this time, but it is likely that few if any will be called for some time if this county is given credit for the large number of volunteers it now has in the service.
Service officials pressed forward today with plans for getting the first contingent of conscripts into camp. It is to consist of some 30,000 young men drawn from regions where camp facilities already are available. Officials intimated that voluntary enlistments might cover that entire number, but beyond that point, plans were to have 400,000 in uniform by February 28, and 800,000 by June 15. Estimates were that this would involve an average of about 130 men from each draft area and about one out of each 20 registrants.

Two Young Pitt Men Buy 450-Pound Bear

Greenville, Oct. 30.—Two young Pitt County men, Filigan (Jack) Tyson and Edmund Tyson, brothers of the Ballantyne cross-country country, "bagged" a 450-pound bear while hunting early this week.
The brothers were hunting on the farm of Charles Lee between Washington and Plymouth.

Capital Offices Swept By Fire

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Wing of the War Department building which police said housed a message center from which the signal corps sends coded messages, was swept by fire early today.
Mass fire equipment of the District of Columbia brought the flames under control after a fight of more than an hour. The cause of the fire and exact proportion of the damage were not established immediately.
A cordon of 15 soldiers, regular army recruits, was posted about the building as soon as possible, and General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, himself appeared on the scene, arriving in the darkness from his home in nearby Fort Myer.
All War Department officials available refused to comment on the fire, but it appeared to have started on the top of the three-story wing. Construction was under way there on a fourth floor to provide more room for the expanded War Department.
Police said that although coded messages were sent from that section of the building, no secret codes were kept there.
However, one building guard declared it is the most important wing of the War Department.
Estimates of damage to property of military installations in the vicinity of Washington were not available.

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Raleigh, Oct. 31.—North Carolina Democratic leaders planned this year with a war which has kept the public mind off politics to a large extent, are working furiously now to get ballots enough to give President Roosevelt a vote comparable to the record-breaking 616,141 he polled in this State four years ago.
Despite all their strenuous efforts in that direction, virtually all top-flight politicians now say off the record that they do not expect the President to poll a Tar Heel vote that large this year. They also say that they expect Willkie to poll more than the 232,283 votes Alf M. Landon got in North Carolina as the 1936 Republican presidential nominee.
There is no danger that Willkie will carry the State, all Democratic leaders agree, but there is a danger that he will cut into the 392,938 majority the national ticket rolled up in this State four years ago.
Four years ago, the national ticket led the State ticket in North Carolina, Governor Hoey receiving 542,129 votes to the 616,141 received by President Roosevelt.
Virtually all Tar Heel Democratic leaders agree that the difference this year will not be great. Some even say that the national and State tickets will run close together.

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Salonica, Greece, Oct. 31.—British troops have landed on Greek islands from troop transports guarded by wrecks of the British Mediterranean fleet, it was learned authoritatively today.
The number of British troops involved and the amount of equipment they brought could not be stated, nor could the location of the islands where they made their landings.
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