

Trial of Nazis Began Wednesday

Eight Saboteurs Face Possible Death Penalty

Washington, July 9.—In a setting of utmost secrecy, guaranteed by heavily armed soldiers, police and secret agents, and walled-off corridors, eight German-born men went on trial for their lives yesterday before a military commission sitting in the Justice Department.

The eight, accused of violating the articles of war by stealing into this country with intent to spread fire and destruction by Nazi sabotage methods, were rounded up by the FBI after they had been landed by U-boats on lonely beaches of Long Island and Florida.

So veiled with secretiveness was the commission proceeding—the first important one of its kind since the Civil war—that not even the fact of the starting of the trial was made known officially.

An informed person confirmed it, however, after it became obvious from the arrival of prisoners the seven generals who compose the commission, the prosecution and defense counsel and a number of witnesses.

The prisoners arrived behind a wedge of motorcycle policemen in two closed vans guarded by soldiers with machine guns and automatic rifles.

They were brought in through a heretofore unused gate in the Justice Department building in an effort to evade the curious who waited at the usual entrance on the opposite side of the building.

Both streets, one on the east, the other on the west side, were patrolled by policemen, while in the basement of the building itself where the vans were unloaded, heavily armed, helmet-wearing soldiers guarded every corner and manned guns set up in some instances on trucks. From there, the prisoners were taken by guarded secret elevators to the fifth floor area where the trial is being held in what normally is a Federal Bureau of Investigation class room.

Persons having business at the trial entered through a double wooden wall and passed through two sets of guards.

The trial recessed early in the afternoon for lunch. Members of the commission, the prosecution and the defense counsel sit in the offices of Attorney General Biddle as his guests. Biddle told reporters that everyone in the court room was under "strict" orders to say nothing whatever about the proceedings.

The eight defendants, all German born, though two had acquired American citizenship before the war, face a swift, unappealable decision. President Roosevelt barred all civil courts to them in a proclamation last week. The commission will decide by vote of at least 5 to 2, whether they are guilty, and if so, what their punishment is to be.

A formal accusation alleging four violations of the laws of war and the articles of war—each carrying the death penalty—has been filed with the commission by the prosecutors, who are headed by Attorney General Francis Biddle. Biddle's office said he had cancelled all engagements for the next ten days.

The Justice Department was closed to all but accredited persons, while a fifth floor corridor has been walled-off and barred to all but those participating in the trial.

The defendants are George John Dasch, 39, leader of the group of four which landed near Amagansett, Long Island, on June 13; Edward John Kerling, 33, leader of the group of four which landed near Jacksonville on June 17, and these others: Ernest Peter Burger, Herbert Hans Haupt, Henry Harm Helrich, Hermann Otto Neubauer, Richard Quirin and Werner Thiel.

The commission named to try them was headed by Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy as president. His colleagues were Maj. Gen. Walter S. Grant, Maj. Gen. Blanton Winship, Maj. Gen. Lorenzo D. Gasser, Brig. Gen. Guy V. Henry, Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy.

They met yesterday to discuss rules of procedure, which by presidential order must provide for "a full and fair trial."

And when a decision has been reached, President Roosevelt said in his order, it "shall be transmitted directly to me for my action thereon." The President's review will be final.

Most of the prisoners were arrested in the New York area. Two had been held in Chicago, but were taken to New York, and last week all were brought to Washington where they have been held in the District of Columbia jail, under heavy military guard.

They brought with them aboard the U-boats a sizeable collection of explosives and incendiary equipment, along with what FBI officials have said were lists of prime objectives calculated to do the greatest harm to America's war production effort. The equipment was found buried in the sands of the Long Island and Florida beaches.

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their obligations in these gigantic tasks. The War Veterans of this community who did their share in order that the ideals of this great country and our way of life might endure forever. Let us never forget their courage, their devotion, and their sacrifice.

"Today the sacred rights of our country are again threatened. Our National Independence is at stake. What were once termed civilized nations have, after many years of feverish preparation and treachery, struck at the very vitals of Democracy, and are threatening with great force of arms, the independence of America. The richest and most peace-loving nation on earth is again confronted with the task of preserving not only its own national security; it is again helping other nations threatened by barbarians who would destroy every semblance of civilization from the face of the earth."

The General asserted that liberty came only to those who fight for it. In this connection he said in part: "This has been a principle of existence throughout history, from the ancient city-state of Athens down through the centuries to the present time. Evidence of the principle that liberty is for those who have the courage and strength to preserve it is here in this great community, as it is in hundreds of American cities and towns today, in the large number of young men who, are not here today... loyal and courageous young men who, like their forefathers, have joined the Army, Navy and Marines in the defense of their country. It is evident also in those who are forced by various reasons to remain at home. Not everyone can be a soldier with a gun and bayonet, but everyone can be a fighter and do his share in his own special way according to his particular ability and skill; the armament worker in the factory, the farmer, the worker on national defense projects, civilian defense organizations, Red Cross and other national and local institutions, mothers and fathers and their children performing endless tasks that must be done at home to sustain our brave fighters on the battle fronts, on land, at sea, and in the air.

"As in the days of our forefathers, the indomitable spirit of the American people still prevails. Again, with reliance on the protection of Divine providence, we have pledged our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor. For us there can be only one ending to this unpleasant affair... VICTORY, (and here he gave the V sign) for the allies and that it shall be."

This declaration brought the audience to their feet amid thundering applause.

John Hill Paylor read a list of men in service from this community and paid a tribute to them and to their parents. June Rose, of Greenville, assistant state director of civilian defense, spoke and presented the various local units.

Mrs. W. J. Turnage, mother of the General and his wife, Lieutenant Colonel Donald J. Kendall, his brother-in-law, and Mrs. Kendall were among the honored guests. Other relatives of the General, seated on the stage were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turnage, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Turnage, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Smith, Mrs. Harvey Turnage, of Washington, D. C., Sheriff and Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, of Greenville.

Featuring the program were renditions of patriotic numbers by the North Carolina Victory Choir, which returned recently from a northern tour. The concluding number on the program was Lutkin's "Benediction," sung by the choir. Lewis Sidney Bullock, of Greenville, is director of this group.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turnage entertained General Turnage and his party at a luncheon Saturday; a dinner was tendered him and eighty other guests at the D. A. R. Chapter House by friends, and the Country Club held Open House in his honor in the evening.

100,000,000 Farm Fire Loss Can Be Cut Sharply

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Farm fires cost the Nation about \$100,000,000 annually, says D. S. Weaver, head of the State College Department of Agricultural Engineering, and fires in rural communities and villages add another \$125,000,000 to the annual fire toll. Even more important in war-time, he said, is the loss in agricultural production when hard-to-replace farm buildings and their contents go up in smoke.

"Much can be done to prevent fires," Weaver asserted, "if farm families will remove fire hazards from their farmsteads. Dry, windy days increase the likelihood of farm fires, especially when crop residue and weeds have dried out."

Weaver points out that an intensive fire-prevention and fire-fighting program is being organized as a war-time measure by county farm agents, local fire and forest wardens, and voluntary fire-fighting companies. The State College engineer lists six precautions to take in avoiding costly farm fires:

- (1) Keep supplies of gasoline in steel drums, preferably holding not more than 55 gallons. These should be at least 75 feet from the nearest building.
- (2) Motorized equipment using oil or gasoline should never be stored in buildings containing hay or straw.
- (3) Never pile horse manure against the wall of a frame structure. It may heat and cause fire.
- (4) Keep the interior of buildings free from trash, oily rags, and other easily ignited materials. Remove cowbells—they burn easily.
- (5) Never pile bundles of papers near stoves, furnaces, or chimneys, and never keep them under stairs or in closets.
- (6) Examine the farmhouse and other farm buildings annually and repair faulty chimneys, flues, fireplaces and heating equipment.

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FOUNTAIN NEWS (BY MRS. M. D. YELVERTON)

Miss Helen Brown Jefferson left Sunday for Baltimore where she has accepted a position with the Glen-Miller airplane faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith left Wednesday for Andrews, N. C., where they attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith, Jr.

Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Stroud and son, Miss Mary Elizabeth Horton and Bobby Horton, all of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Horton.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Eagles and daughters, Jane and Joyce, of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Williams and son, Hugh, of Red Oak, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eagles.

Private Hubert Manning of Pendleton Field Oregon spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manning.

Ray Lang Jefferson is visiting in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Washington, N. C., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Yelverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Newton and daughter, Elinor Glen, of Galax, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Watt Newton during the week end.

Mrs. J. T. Bundy spent the week end in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bundy.

Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Jr. and daughter, Miss Betsey Fountain, is visiting relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jefferson, Jr., and son, Jeff, visited relatives in Siler City, this week.

The Rev. A. G. Courtney left Monday for Canada to visit relatives. He will be away about two weeks.

RESUMED

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the Southern egg marketing program was resumed July 6 and will be available through August in seven Southern states, including North Carolina.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

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than temporary A cards, but the conditions that must be met to obtain supplemental rations under the permanent system are so strict that most motorists will have to get along on the minimum. Motorists will register for A books July 9, 10 and 11. Small boat owners will be issued E

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The OPA set the quota of passenger automobiles for rationing during July at 25,000, excluding state and national reserves, which will reduce the original inventory of about 402,000 cars to about 260,000. Between July 9 and August 31, the Office will release 230,000 bicycles for rationing; 180,000 to the states, 20,000 to state reserves and 30,000 for a national reserve.

Transportation

Transportation Director Eastman banished for the duration all automobiles, midget car and motorcycle racing meets, effective July 10. He also asked that State and County Fairs be postponed for the duration to help relieve the strain on transport facilities. The ODT postponed until July 15 the date on which over-the-road carriers will be required to be loaded to at least 75 percent of capacity for return trips and on which tank trucks will be limited to one delivery daily.

The office reported the majority of milk deliveries on an every-other-day basis and have reduced mileage by an average of 25 percent. The office authorized its 51 field offices to begin action immediately upon applications for special permits under the truck conservation regulations.

Shipbuilding

The Maritime Commission said shipbuilding has not yet equalled total sinkings, but delivery of 66 ships totaling 730,000 tons by American shipyards in June set a new world's record for steel ship construction and

represented an increase of 450 percent in volume of construction since Pearl Harbor. The War Shipping Administration reported the U. S. will operate between 2,200 and 2,600 merchant vessels this year.


Housing

FHA field offices resumed the processing of applications for priority assistance in the construction of privately financed homes for war workers. Processing was suspended late in May. The Agency said a new simplified procedure combines preference rating applications for the electricity, gas, water, and sewer connections of proposed war housing projects with the corresponding applications covering the housing itself. The joint applications will be processed entirely in the field by the FHA offices and

by NHA and WPB regional offices. NHA administrator Blandford issued a simplifying order to empower qualified creditors or lenders to decide whether a proposed remodeling project is "war housing," thus exempting the project from credit restrictions set up by the Federal Reserve Board.

Army Expansion

President Roosevelt signed the \$42 billion Army Supply bill for fiscal 1943. The War Department said men now in Class I-B because of minor defects will be inducted into limited military service under a regular quota system in order to release fully qualified soldiers for duty with task forces. Only those I-B's "who are able to bring to the army a useful vocation which was followed in civil life" will be called.



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One 1919 Model, Type 75,—750 G.P.M. American La France Combination pumper and hose Fire Truck.

This equipment is in good mechanical condition and open for inspection at any time at the Farmville Fire Station.

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By: GEORGE W. DAVIS, Mayor
John B. Lewis, Atty. 5-1243