

# Bill Opens All World Ports

## Senate Group Okes New Measure for US Ships; Fight Seen

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speech making because the committee approved repeal of the neutrality act's provision forbidding American merchantmen from entering belligerent ports or designated combat areas.

Nye and Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), another administration foe, said there was no intention to filibuster but Nye added that "this is the last step we take before actually entering the war, and it is an issue which quite normally would call for speeches by close to 90 senators."

The committee bill, approved after four days of hearings, would carry out President Roosevelt's recent recommendations regarding shipping.

In a special message to congress on Oct. 9, Mr. Roosevelt asked amendment of the neutrality act as quickly as possible in order to permit arming of merchant ships against "the modern pirates of the sea." He also asked that congress give early attention to removal of restrictions "keeping our ships out of the ports of our own friends."

To refuse to permit American ships to carry supplies to England, the president said, was in effect inviting control of the seas by the nazis.

Mr. Roosevelt's proposals received the backing of Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 republican presidential nominee.

In New York, Willkie said in a statement Saturday's committee action was "very gratifying" and added he hoped that "a very large number of the republican members of congress will support the movement and insure the early passage of this amendment."

Willkie reiterated, however, that 1939 neutrality act should be repealed entirely "as a firm declaration of America's moral position in the present world struggle."

Senator Gurney (R-SD), who recently joined with Senators Austin (R-Vt) and Bridges (R-NH) to propose complete repeal of the act, told reporters that proposal would be offered from the senate floor.

# Knox Promises Backing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25-(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox was reliably reported Sunday to have assured republican senators who have supported the administration's foreign policies that he would campaign actively in their behalf in the 1942 congressional elections.



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# FDR Navy Day Speech Waited In Navy Fete

## Policy Toward Japan Expected to Be Told In Important Talk

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(all networks) on a program beginning at 7 p. m. (PST). It is expected to be 15 or 20 minutes long, and will top off a day of celebration, speech making and displays of armed might wherever the navy's far flung defense activities are in progress—except perhaps along the "front line," of ships and planes in the North Atlantic.

Other speakers at the dinner will be General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission. Set before the diners will be such navy items as corned beef biscuits, mulligan, bean soup and beer.

Shortly before the president goes on the air, Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, will broadcast from a Navy day dinner in Chicago. Earlier in the day, from 10:30 to 11 a. m. (PST), Secretary Knox will broadcast from Detroit.

Navy yards, stations and airfields will be other centers of entertainment during the day, although contrary to the custom of more peaceful years few if any establishments will be open to the public. Ships in port, their festive flags flying, likewise will be closed to visitors.

# 53,000 Men Leave Mines

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where AFL welders are on strike.

The welders left their jobs there in an effort to obtain their own union.

SEATTLE, Oct. 25 (AP)—A showdown in the welders strike, which has threatened a tie-up in shipbuilding in Seattle and Tacoma yards, is expected Monday when the Seattle Metal Trades council (AFL) proposes to begin replacing welders who have not returned to their jobs with welders obtained from outside the state.

In retaliation for this move, the Independent Seattle Council of Welders and Burners, which is directing the strike, announced it would ask all workers in the affected yards and plants not to work "in protest to running in outside workers," Dave Basor, council secretary, said.

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# Reds Face New High School Principals Elect New Officers at Parley Here

## Nazis Hurl Great Mass Of Troops at Moscow In Driving Snowstorm

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and metals, Kharkov's loss meant a heavy blow to Russia's war supplies. Moreover, the Germans claimed the capture of the key rail town of Belgorod, 47 miles north of Kharkov, on the main line to Moscow.

The soviet Sunday morning communique, broadcast from Moscow, said that fighting continued in the Mzkaik and Maloyaroslavets directions from which Moscow is menaced. In the south — where no mention was made of Kharkov — the fighting was placed in the Taganrog and Ma-keevka directions near the easternmost point of the Sea of Azov.

Dispatches from Kuibyshev, auxiliary soviet capital, acknowledged that the hour of crisis had arrived in the 24-day-old struggle for Moscow and that the Germans were also pressing furious new offensives into the Crimea and at the approaches to Rostov-on-Don, gateway to the vital Caucasus oil fields. One of the fiercest battles of the entire front was reported raging at Taganrog, only 30 miles west of Rostov.

Still there was no word from London on British troops going to help beleaguered allies, but straws in the wind indicated that if the Germans take Rostov and turn south into the Caucasus, Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's middle east army of 1,000,000 imperial soldiers will move north from Iran (Persia) to meet them.

A hint to this effect was voiced by Britain's foreign secretary, Anthony Eden, following outspoken demands in the house of commons on Thursday for concrete action to aid the soviet.

"The government," he said, "would dare any action where we believe hazards to be justified... undismayed, I hope, by dangers, and unprovoked by clamor."

He said he could not disclose when Britain would strike, or "even that we will strike," but he declared that in the middle east British reinforcements and supplies had been moving continuously "to the unbroken allied front stretching from the Caucasus through Persia, Iraq, Palestine and Egypt to the western desert."

An Ankara radio broadcast, heard in New York by NBC, said it was understood in the Turkish capital that Britain and Russia already had decided upon a joint command for the Caucasus front which may be opened up as a defense line.

As the war ended its 18th week, with Moscow and Berlin listing total casualties of more than 10,000,000 killed and wounded on both sides, German military commentators spoke freely of Moscow's "zero hour" and the Russians conceded that vast numbers of grey-clad nazis troops had engulfed several towns at the point of greatest danger, in the Mzkaik sector, 37 miles west of Moscow.

But the Russians stoically refused to concede any prospect but ultimate defeat for Hitler's invasion armies. S. A. Losovsky, official soviet spokesman, declared confidently that the German candle was burning its brilliant last before guttering out and that the new Moscow drive "if not the last, is one of the last big-scale German offensives."

The vast slaughter of nazis reserves and depletion of war materials, he said, would henceforth stall the German blitzkrieg machine.

Soviet dispatches said the nearest German troops were more than 50 miles from the red capital, countering unconfirmed Berlin radio reports that nazis spearheads had thrust within 20 miles of the barricaded city.

The Russians said the main theater of action was at Mzkaik, 57 miles west; Kaluga, 90 miles southwest; Maloyaroslavets, 85 miles southwest, and Kalinin, 95 miles northwest.

# US Board to Talk Valley Lumber Pay

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP)—A US conciliation service board will discuss proposed wage increases in the Willamette valley lumber industry with operators at Eugene Tuesday.

Jesse E. Jacobson, federal conciliator, said Saturday night the meeting at the Osburn hotel at 10 a. m. probably would be followed later in the day by a meeting between the board and AFL lumber and sawmill workers representatives.

He said the three board members, Ernest P. Marsh, Dean Ballard and C. W. Gillis, would be present.

Union employees, demanding an increase to 75 cents an hour and a paid vacation, recently agreed to postpone a strike until the conciliation service completes a study of Willamette valley lumbering conditions.

George D. Orr, principal of the Sandy union high school, was elected president of the Oregon High School Principals' association, at the closing session of their annual conference here Saturday. He succeeds Martin J. Elle, Salem.

Clarence Hines, Pendleton, was elected vice-president, and D. A. Emerson, state educational department, secretary and treasurer. Walter Dennis, Rogue river, will serve as member at large of the executive committee.

Highlight of Saturday's program was adoption of a committee report recommending establishment of more vocational schools throughout the state such as the one now in operation at Eugene. This report was submitted by Principal Leonard Mayfield, Medford.

A preliminary report by the committee on nutrition of the school child was presented by Miss Bertha Kohlhagen, state supervisor of home economics education. E. B. Lemon, Oregon State college, discussed a report of the high schools relations committee.

The conference was attended by high school principals from every part of the state. The annual banquet was held Friday night.

Conference officials said a somewhat lengthy legislative report probably would be considered at the next meeting.

# Fliers Give Salem Show

## Thousands Watch Army Planes Perform Over City; Weather Poor

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lots of the olive-drab stocky ships said their plans for the day's program were altered considerably by the low ceiling.

Because of the illness of one pilot only 11 of the 12 available planes were flown during the performance which occupied approximately two hours. From escalation formation used when air forces pass in review through a varying series of flight figures the 11 planes circled out from the airport over the city, where thousands of other watchers took observation posts on their own front porches.

Watchers at the airport found an especial thrill in a dive-bombing formation that brought the entire group low above the field and took them speeding away.

Climax to the show was provided by Lt. T. W. Jackson and L. F. Dussard, commanding officers of the 54th and 38th pursuit squadrons, respectively, who chased balloons to a height of several thousand feet, flew across the field at 350 miles an hour and, turned back on their courses by slow roll and looping processes, eliciting gasps and applause from the crowd below. A "dog-fight" in which the two planes circled and fenced closed the field day show.

During the entire afternoon, before, during and after the exhibition in the air, thousands of curious persons of varying ages climbed a temporary stairway and walked over the ramp built above a wing of one of the planes. Looking into the one-man cockpit, they asked questions of air corps men stationed at the ship.

Among the spectators were a number of army wives, young women who drove down in groups from Portland for the show, to attend social events arranged for the visitors in Salem and to spend the weekend in the capital city.

Questions asked throughout the week and echoed Saturday at the airport, fired at Sergeant R. B. Shields drew swift responses:

Average age in the 54th pursuit squadron, still the major group represented at the temporary Salem base, is 23 years.

Fifty per cent of the men are from Texas; approximately 25 per cent are from the Atlantic coast with New York and New Jersey leading; most of the rest are from the midwest with Missouri providing a large share.

To Sergeant Shields' knowledge (and he rates himself as the "poppa of the outfit," having come with his parent squadron to the coast from San Antonio, Texas) every member of the squadron is a high school graduate. A large percentage of the men have had some college training while a number are college graduates. Technical courses with engineering background probably headline the collegiate training, but a num-

ber of the men left law school, officers point out.

The 54th, which saw the light of day at Hamilton field, Calif., January 15 of this year, drew its officers from those who had gone into active service, its entire personnel, officers and men, from the 34th pursuit squadron. Lt. Cecil Locke was its first commander, a position which was filled on May 1 by Lt. Thomas W. Jackson, who continues at that post. On his staff are Lt. George H. Chipman, L. J. Lohse, D. E. Houseal and F. J. Pope.

At the Portland airbase, where the 54th is regularly stationed, the squadron competes in football, will this winter play basketball and would have played baseball had it arrived in time. When it was moved to Portland on May 23 the season was well underway, but it did turn out some softball teams, Shields said Saturday.

Air corps cadets are neither the long nor the short of the army, according to Shields. Offhand he estimated that the smallest are five inches taller than the shortest in the entire army, the tallest five inches shorter than the army's most towering recruits.

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# Today's War Summary

## By The Associated Press Moscow—Defenders Face Supreme Test as Germans Launch Violent New Offensive with New Reinforcements; Unconfident German Reports Put Nazi Spearheads 20 Miles from Moscow; Russian Ukrainian Army Near Disaster in the South where Germans Capture Kharkov, Important Manufacturing Center; British Hint Middle East Army May Aid Caucasus Defense; Russians Confident German Losses Would Stall Nazi Offensive, say Germans more than 50 miles from Moscow.

Hitler confers two hours with Ciano at German headquarters on Russian front as Italian foreign minister begins several days visit.

Vichy government takes measures to halt attacks on German soldiers, pleads with Germans to stop execution of hostages; Free French General De Gaulle calls for five minute folded arm demonstration in France as protest against reprisal killings; President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill condemn hostage executions.

Another of the planes was believed down in the vicinity of Te-hachapi, 30 miles north of here. Army and civilian searching parties were waiting in the little mountain community for some trace of the pilot, Lieut. J. H. Pease, seen parachuting from his craft after the motor failed.

The pursuit ship, of a type believed to be the army's fastest, were among 19 in a flight from March field, near Riverside, to McClellan field, near Sacramento. The Commander, Major C. E. Hughes, reported they became separated in fog over the mountains.

Hughes and seven others landed at Smith, Nev., and made ready Saturday to refuel at Reno and rejoin the search. One of the planes was damaged in landing.

Five finally reached Sacramento, and another landed in Tulare.

Gen. Jacob E. Fickel, fourth air force commander at March field, combined an order for a general search with a plea through newspapers and radio stations to residents of the sparsely settled mountains for assistance in the hunt.

BOISE, Idaho, Oct. 25 (AP)—Mrs. John G. Pease said Saturday night her son, Lieut. J. H. Pease, telephoned her from Delano, Kern county, Calif., saying he was unhurt after parachuting from an army pursuit plane.

Lieut. Pease was one of five pilots who became lost while participating in a flight of 19 army planes from March field, Calif., to McClellan field, near Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. Pease said she was so overcome by relief at hearing her son was safe that she failed to learn any details, except that he was unhurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ayers visited in Dallas Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Borland.

The Santiam Valley Grange entertained members and invited friends with a Halloween party held at the grange hall at the regular social meeting. The hall was decorated in fall flowers and autumn leaves. An old fashioned dance, games and stunts furnished lots of fun for the evening. Refreshments were served by the kitchen committee.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hubbard, who recently purchased the Crooks cafe, closed it up Sunday and moved home. Due to ill health they were unable to manage the work.

LONDON, Oct. 25 (AP)—RAF raiders gave the Italian port of Naples one of its heaviest poundings of the war Saturday during British aerial assaults upon axis targets from the Norwegian coast to the North African desert, informed London quarters reported.

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# FDR Hits Nazi Reprisal Acts

## Joins Churchill With Condemnation of French "Butcheries"

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sentiments of horror and condemnation expressed by the president of the United States."

Mr. Roosevelt's statement said that "the practice of executing scores of innocent hostages in reprisal for isolated attacks on Germans in countries temporarily under the nazi heel revolts a world already injured to suffering and brutality."

Even the nazis, he declared, never before approached such depths of frightfulness and he added:

"These are the acts of desperate men who know in their hearts they can not win."

The White House issued the statement in mid-morning for use at 12 noon, Eastern standard time. Broadcasting companies, translating it into French, Italian and German, fired the text across the Atlantic by short wave radio. The hour of those broadcasts put the text into European nations at a time in the evening when the greatest number of listeners could be expected.

It was the third major pronouncement this week from high officials or under government auspices which appeared to be directed primarily to the people of Europe. All embodied a warning against dealing with the axis.

Fordham Takes 28-14 TCU Win

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (AP)—The power-laden Fordham Rams were forced to produce a pair of scoring drives in the closing quarter to defeat a scrapping Texas Christian university crew, 28 to 14, in a thrilling battle before 39,500 fans at the Polo grounds Saturday.

Trailing by two touchdowns at the half and apparently outclassed, the boys from Texas came roaring back to score early in the third period on an intercepted pass and then opened up a brilliant aerial attack of their own that carried them 77 yards to the tying touchdown on the second play of the fourth quarter.

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