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Weather
Fair tonight and Thursday but considerable cloudiness or fog; little change in temperature, moderate northwest wind.
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Italian Troops Massing on Greek Frontier

Germans Claim Weather Halts Mass Air Raids

Sporadic Nazi Raids Continue on Midlands—British Raid Italian Bases

Berlin, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Low-lying clouds and a curtain of British drizzling rain, it was indicated here tonight, are protecting Great Britain from immediate mass attack by the German air force.

The German air force has broken through the protective mantle of clouds to attack picked objectives, it was said, but it appeared likely that fighting on the scale of last week would not be resumed until weather conditions are improved.

Neutral sources familiar with weather conditions over Britain said that this type of weather is not unusual in August and might last as long as two or three weeks at a stretch.

There was no indication here of what effect the weather might have on German plans for attacking Britain.

Scattered Raids

London, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Germany's air force blanketed England with scattered solo raids today, striking its heaviest blows in the southeast, where one coast resort was bombed twice in the early afternoon.

Three naval bombers were shot down by British fighters, and a fourth was believed to have plunged into the English channel.

Late today a lone raider attacked a town in the southwest and dropped a bomb which destroyed a house, causing three casualties, including one fatality.

Initiative Lost

In a dog fight over the town the Junkers 88 was brought down by a British fighter. The bomb crew of five was killed.

The growing radius of British bombing attacks on German and German-occupied territory, coupled with the diminishing naval aerial activity, was hailed in London as an indication that the initiative has been taken away from the German air force by RAF victories over massed attacking victories.

There was virtually no German air activity over England between midnight and dawn.

Five bombs were dropped on South Wales towns this morning. The damage and the number of casualties are being investigated.

Old Age Aid For 425,940

Washington, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Federal old age insurance protection has been extended to 425,940 Oregon residents since the social security act became effective five years ago.

The board's survey for Oregon showed 927 claims for monthly benefits had been approved. Monthly payments totaled \$17,365. Lump sum death payments amounting to \$28,587 have been made in the cases of 197 workers who died after 1939.

In the field of public assistance the board reported cumulative payments of \$19,833,404 from federal, state and local funds, including \$17,244,282 for old age assistance, \$489,455 for aid to the blind and \$2,099,667, for aid to dependent children.

Polivka Will Serve with Marines
Quantico, Va., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Douglas Polivka, former Portland and Boise newspaperman, arrived this week to take up duties as a lieutenant in the marines.

Hayden of Salem, who is away on military duty.
An autopsy report to be made by Dr. Joseph Beeman of Portland, a medical criminologist, will probably be mailed to Salem this afternoon, Page said.

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Leon Trotsky in Shadow of Death

Mexico City, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Leon Trotsky, exiled "Napoleon of the Bolsheviks" who fled to a haven in Mexico, was near death today—victim of a pickax attack by a man who posed as his "great admirer." Surgeons said Trotsky's condition was "very grave."

Children War Refugees Land

New York, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The weather-beaten, black and buff British liner Samaria docked today bringing to safety from bombarded England the first group of children transported through the collective efforts of Americans.

The young war refugees crowded the Samaria's rails—210 or them of all sizes, dressed in all kinds of clothing—and cheered lustily when they saw the Statue of Liberty in the sunny haze.

Then, a bit anxiously, their eyes searched the docks for a first glimpse of the people who are giving them homes "for the duration."

From all strata of British society, they had one possession in common: a knapsack containing small belongings. Most of the girls had a doll and many of the boys had school caps which they swung in wild excitement.

They talked on arriving about air raids they'd been through, and bombs they'd seen fall, and Donald Miller, a 6-year old in Scottish kilts said, "I'm glad to be here, but I miss my daddy."

One hundred thirty-eight of the children were brought through efforts of the United States committee for the care of European children, and were met down the bay by Marshall Field, head of the committee.

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Trotsky and the visitor were alone in Trotsky's office when a body-guard heard Trotsky scream. He dashed in, set upon the assailant and beat him with a pistol butt. Mrs. Trotsky screamed "don't kill him." The attacker, slightly wounded, was held in the police hospital where surgeons strove to save Trotsky's life.

The assailant carried the pickax, of the type used by mountain climbers, and a pistol. Police theorized he used the pickax to avoid attention of the guards in the attack, and brought the pistol to attempt to shoot his way out if necessary.

Meeting with Attorney General Jackson, at the justice department, were Secretaries Knox and Simpson, Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Green Hackworth, legal advisor to the state department.

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Britain Seeks Alliance with United States

Unofficial Sources Say Military Accord for Canada's Defense Sought

London, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Unofficial but well-informed sources indicated today that the British government is seeking a military alliance with the United States.

Canadian-American discussions on mutual defense are considered in these quarters to be the opening wedge in a British effort to obtain a full military accord between the United States and Britain.

As envisaged now, such an alliance would embrace the defense of Canada and other British possessions in the western hemisphere and, perhaps even more important, "would form the basis for common diplomacy in the Far East at the conclusion of the European conflict," as one informant put it.

Official sources were reluctant to comment on the talks between President Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, which resulted in a decision to establish a joint defense board, but satisfaction was evident.

There were reports here that the conversations progressed to the hypothetical naval defense of Canada and the United States in the event the British fleet were lost and aerial defense not only on the seaboard but from United States bases on the Pacific such as Sitka and northern Alaska.

Entente Cordial
"It is a logical progression from these talks to a military alliance with Great Britain," said one reliable person. "I think we may regard the present Canadian-American talks as similar to those which, in the early nineteenth century, preceded creation of the Entente Cordiale between France and His Majesty's government."

Official British reluctance to comment may be explained by the presence of public opinion in England that a non-belligerent United States is more valuable to Britain than an America at war. In the latter event, these persons reason, the United States would have to use most of her planes as munitions for strengthening her own Panama and Atlantic defenses, instead of letting Britain use them.

Police said the "friend" who attacked Trotsky gave his name as Jacques Morlan Vandendriehd, 38, native of Teheran, Iran. He studied in France and became a subject of Belgium. He said he was a newspaper writer, but so far as could be learned he had no journalistic connections in Mexico.

He had known Trotsky a year, frequently visited the walled-in, well-fortified Coyocacan estate, and often dined privately with Trotsky while the two discussed political ideas.

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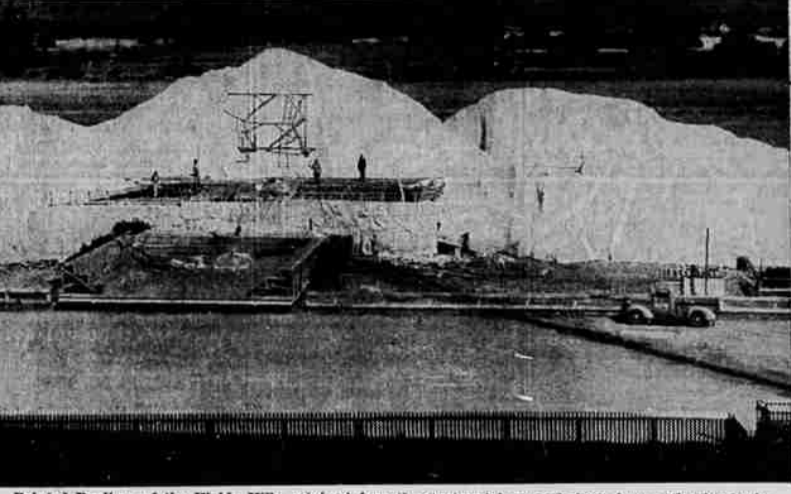
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Painted replicas of the Walde Hills, retained from the Centennial pageant stage, form a pleasing background for the platform (where workmen are standing) for the speakers and members of the notification committee for the McNary notification ceremonies at the fairgrounds. But they effectively shut off the view of the proceedings from the thousands who might otherwise find standing room behind the platform. To the right of the lower stage, which will be occupied by a band and chorus, seats and tables for the press will be built. The ground space between the stage and grandstand will be filled with benches, flanked on either side by bleacher seats. The scaffolding marks the location of a 12 x 20 foot Oregon state flag. Twenty four national flags will be ranged along the hilltops and banners of the 48 states on standards will flank the platform.

Gibraltar Again Bombed

London, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Britain's great fortress of Gibraltar was raided twice today by enemy planes. Bombs started a small fire which was brought quickly under control, a communique said.

"During the night enemy aircraft bombed Gibraltar twice," the communique declared. "In the first raid, bombs dropped in the sea, but an aircraft was brought down in the sea off Europa point."

"In the second raid bombs dropped on the rock, causing a small fire which was brought quickly under control. There was slight damage and no casualties."

La Linea, Spain, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Britain's Rock of Gibraltar flamed like a volcano early today after raiding warplanes dropped bombs on the fortress guarding the western gate of the Mediterranean.

In the pre-dawn darkness flames could be seen spreading down from the top of the rock—where long-range batteries apparently had been hit—toward the town where alarms sounded to summon residents to shelter.

Nazi Air Losses Claimed Heavy

London, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Total German air losses since mass aerial attacks began on Great Britain two weeks ago probably are more than double the 710 listed in official communique published, Archibald Sinclair, minister of air, told the house of commons today.

Sinclair told the house that Britain's communique were based solely on German planes "certainly destroyed"; that is, actually seen to hit the ground, break into pieces in the air, or descend in flames.

"There are strict instructions to pilots to exercise the greatest discretion in reporting enemy losses and they tend to err on the side of underestimation," Sinclair said.

Planes listed in pilots' reports or by ground observers as probably destroyed or seriously damaged in fighting, Sinclair said, were never counted in the public communique.

Experience had shown, the air minister asserted, that most of the planes in these untabulated categories never reached their bases on the home front. In the last two weeks German planes badly damaged but not seen to fall greatly exceeded those listed as downed in official communique, Sinclair said.

Describing British night raids as much more effective than German, Squadron Leader Phillip R. Beare said British bomber pilots regard night raids on Germany as "a grim business" but find "waiting the Wops" over Italy a light pastime.

Rumania to Cede Area to Bulgaria

London, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Reuters (British) news agency reported from Bucharest today that Rumania has agreed definitely to cede southern Dobruja to Bulgaria, returning their frontier to that of 1912.

Rumania cedes to Bulgaria the provinces of Durator and Caliacra, the provinces to be occupied within three hours after the agreement is signed formally, Reuters said.

Celebration for M'Nary Planned

Anticipating a crowd that may reach 40,000 or 50,000, leaders of a number of organizations met at the Marion hotel at noon today and arranged some of the details for the acceptance program next Tuesday for Senator Charles L. McNary, republican nominee for vice president of the United States.

As a committee on decorations, Hon. Oscar D. Olson, Senator Douglas McKay and W. L. Phillips were appointed by Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman of the county republican central committee, who presided, and Rev. Robert A. Hutchinson, who made a committee of one to contact the ministers of the city relative to their part in the event.

It is planned to start the program of entertainment downtown early in the morning, so there may be plenty of activity prior to the afternoon program at the fairgrounds. A parade was suggested when Fred Lamport, who is in charge of the Willie-McNary headquarters here, said that Ralph Calk, national committeeman for Oregon, had requested that there be no parade.

Senator McKay envisioned a scene here next Tuesday that will be much like that at Ellwood, Ind., at the Willie acceptance. It was the opinion of the meeting that street decorations should be elaborate, with more attention to street than to window adornments. However, it is planned for large pictures of Senator McNary to be placed in the windows and also in the homes, along with the national colors. It was suggested that as many as 5000 pictures be made.

Mrs. R. L. Wright spoke of the luncheon that is to be given at the Marion hotel for visiting party members, particularly committeemen and committeewomen from all over the state. Opportunity will be given them to meet Senator McNary personally.

The Marion county republican club, the Cherrians and other organizations volunteered their assistance. Among other speakers were W. L. Phillips, Dr. Henry E. Morris, Dr. H. H. Olinger, Del Niederhiser, Floyd Miller, Frank Chafas, representing the Cherrians, Kelly Owens for the war veterans, Dr. P. O. Riley and Ernest Miller, who is president of the Willie-McNary club.

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Greece Calls More Reserves To the Colors

Third Effort to Strengthen Defense in Week Increases Tension

(By the Associated Press) Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 21—Italian troops were reported massing along Greece's western frontier today as the Greek government, belabored by the fascist press for alleged mistreatment of Albanian minorities, strengthened its defenses by placing more reserves under arms.

The call to the colors was the third issued in a week of growing tension in relations with Italy.

Leaves Cancelled
Athens, Greece, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The Greek army cancelled all leaves for officers and men today and a responsible spokesman said "we will not be caught by surprise if Greece should be invaded."

In the third move to strengthen the army within a week, the government called to arms several thousand men of a number of military classes.

Greece's precautions have been taken amid growing tension with Italy precipitated by Italian charges that Greece was responsible for the assassination of David Hoegia, an Albanian. Greece has denied any responsibility.

Press Attacks
Official circles maintained silence, however, on reports that Italian troops were massing along the Albanian frontier.

Government quarters took cognizance of Italian press attacks on the country, including charges that bands of Greeks had invaded Albania and burned ten villages.

An official communique denied an Albanian newspaper report, reprinted in Italy, that Greek authorities were planning an attack on Albania.

"No armed bands," it added, "have ever been formed in Greece for any purpose whatsoever."

King Consulted
Premier General John Metaxas conferred at length last night with King George II, but no explanation for the sudden increase in the nation's armed forces was given and official circles declined to comment on the reports of Italian troop concentrations.

"Reports abroad can neither be confirmed nor denied," a spokesman said.

Usually well-informed sources here, however, said they had information that Italy was massing considerable numbers of troops, including at least one armored division, in Albania opposite the Greek border.

Miller Resigns, Gabriel Named
Resignation of Ernest Miller as treasurer of the Marion county republican central committee and the appointment of Ed Gabriel as his successor was announced today by Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman of the central committee. Miller, it is understood, will head another club. Dr. Pound also reported fine progress in membership in the veterans' Willie-McNary club.

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