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BRITISH BEAT OFF NAZI AIR ATTACKS



Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—When heavy pressure was applied to President Roosevelt to recall Ambassador H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, from Moscow, and to abrogate the commercial treaty with Soviet Russia, the only official "consultant" he found to consult in the national capital was Oregon's Charles McNary. Advice of McNary: "Don't be precipitate."

When President Roosevelt addressed congress at the special session called to act on neutrality legislation in September, he suggested congress confine itself to that subject, then adjourn. During the interim between the special session and the regular session in January, he announced he would consult on important foreign developments the official leaders of congress, requested them not to go home.

FORMER president Herbert Hoover, many new dealers, some members of senate and house, urged Mr. Roosevelt to demonstrate disapproval of America of Russia's conduct in Finland, by severing relations. Mr. Roosevelt decided to consult the leaders.

Democratic leader, Senator Barkley, was in Mayo clinic for an operation; democratic house leader, Sam Rayburn, was absent promoting the presidential boom of Cactus Jack Garner. Republican house leader, Joe Martin, was in New England observing Thanksgiving (not Frank's giving). Key Pittman, chairman of senate committee on foreign relations, had gone duck hunting. There was nobody home but republican leader, Senator McNary.

IT WAS after Maxime Litvinoff, then foreign commissar, gave Mr. Roosevelt a complete set of Russian stamps, that the president recognized U. S. S. R. The conversations leading to this were conducted in the White House late at night, sometimes after guests of a White House party had gone home. Commissar Litvinoff (whose wife is English-born), in return for recognition, promised Mr. Roosevelt, (A) Russia would pay its debt to Uncle Sam; (B) Russia would not indulge in communistic propaganda in the United States; (C) assured Mr. Roosevelt freedom of religious worship in Soviet Russia. Commissar Litvinoff reiterated these promises in an interview with the writer.

EDGAR BERGEN CONFINED BY POISON DUE TO BOIL
Hollywood, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Ventriquist Edgar Bergen is confined to his home with an infection, resulting from a boil on his face, but his condition today was reported improved. Yesterday, his physicians said, he was in a "serious condition."

SIDE GLANCES
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Leona Kingman being in a happy state of surprise over a bright and shiny new radio.
Geneva Green looking like a pretty little love bird in a chapeau fashioned entirely of turquoise colored feathers and down.
LaMure Beck Witt busily knitting while waiting her turn to try out for a play.
Marjory Kelly describing in a dramatic and terrifying manner the horror of being the victim of a flu germ.
Delta Deb members seriously considering presenting Leonard Smedley with a membership bid into their feminine organization, so well did he fit in with the club after crashing a meeting last evening.

DEFENDERS SCORE DAMAGING HITS ON INVADING PLANES

Ninth British Naval Loss is North Sea Trawler; Dutch Motorship Is Torpedoed

London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—New blows were struck at the British navy and neutral shipping today as royal air force planes turned back German warplanes in two encounters over north-east Britain.

The ninth acknowledged British naval loss was counted with the sinking of the 209-ton trawler Washington by a mine in the North Sea yesterday. The admiral said eight lives were lost.

The 8,159-ton Netherlands motorship Tjandoen was torpedoed and sunk in the English channel. Six of her crew were missing.

The air ministry declared that one enemy plane "was seen to be hit" in a raid on the Firth of Forth area, site of the Rosyth naval base, and a second invader was damaged in another encounter off the northeast coast.

Eight Attempted Raids
The fight over the Firth of Forth occurred at 12:45 p. m. (4:45 a. m. PST) when eight German bombers were reported heading for the Firth. Coastal batteries blazed into action and R.A.F. pursuit planes whizzed into the air a moment later.

The second fight developed a short time later when two more German planes were engaged by the R.A.F. Both planes, the R.A.F. said "at once turned back and were pursued out to sea, one of them being seen to be hit."

The air ministry announced tonight one British plane failed to return from patrol duty yesterday.

Paris, Dec. 7.—(AP)—French advance positions withstood repeated shocks of savage German patrol attacks along the entire northern flank of the western front today after a night of activity in which the French reported inflicting heavy losses with automatic and artillery fire.

A new German strategy was reported by French military reports. After being halted during the night by deadly French fire, the German patrols, instead of retreating as usual, dug in on bare no-man's-land.

The French countered by raining shells on the attackers and then dislodged them with infantry counter attacks.

EDUCATION BOARD MAY ANNOUNCE NEW PREXY
Portland, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Selection of a new Oregon State college president may be announced by the state board of higher education at its monthly meeting here Monday and Tuesday.

Kidnaper of K. F. Salesman Killed by Policeman

War Bulletins

Helsinki, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Russian warships bombarded the southern coast of Finland today while the red army launched an attack on the central front along the northern shores of Lake Ladoga. Finnish advices received here said tonight.

Finnish coastal batteries were said to have held off the fleet bombardment directed at undisclosed points along the coast.

Paris, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Infantry fire along the long-dormant Rhine river sector of the western front was reported in tonight's communique of the French high command, which said:

"A quiet day on the whole. Patrols on either side. Infantry fire along the Rhine."

FINNS WILL STAKE ALL IN EFFORT TO RETAIN CORRIDOR

Kirkenes, Norway (at the Finnish frontier), Dec. 7.—(AP)—A big engagement, possibly decisive, is expected to take place soon on Finland's Arctic front.

The Finns are said to be massing large forces around Petsamo, Finland's strategic port at the head of her narrow corridor to the Arctic ocean. Some reports received today said 20,000 men were being massed there with the apparent intention of clearing out the Russian invaders at all costs and thus safeguarding the northern outlet.

The Russians, on the other hand, were reported to be continuing the landing of troops on Petsamo fjord.

There were no reports of important fighting on the northern front today.

Helsinki, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two hundred and thirty Finnish-Americans, some of whom never before have been in Finland, arrived today to enlist in the Finnish army to fight against Russia.

A spokesman for the group said they left New York as soon as they learned Finnish independence was threatened.

CITY'S TAX LEVY SLIGHTLY LOWER IN COMING YEAR

Combined Levy Fixed at 48.5 Mills — 48.3 Mills Basis Current Payments.

The combined tax levy for the city of Medford for 1940, including state and county, city and schools, amounts to 48.5 mills, according to figures compiled by the assessor's office. The millage is two-tenths of a mill less than this year, when it was 43.3 mills.

For Medford, the school levy is 16.5 mills, the city levy 18.5 mills and state and county 13.2 mills.

In Ashland, the combined levy is 51.6 mills, a decrease of 1.3 mills compared with this year when it was 52.9 mills. The Ashland school levy is 20.7 mills, the city levy 19.3, and the state and county 11.6 mills.

The combined levies for other incorporated towns of the county are:

Butte Falls — Schools, 4.3 mills; city 22.4, state and county 13.2, a total of 39.9 mills. This year's combined levy was 25.9, an increase of 14.3 mills.

Central Point — Schools 19 mills, city 29.2, state and county 13.2, a total of 61.4. This year it was 58.6, an increase of 2.8 mills.

Eagle Point — Schools 17.4 mills, city 14.6, state and county 13.2, a total of 45.2, a decrease of one mill compared with this year's levy of 46.2 mills.

Gold Hill — Schools 19.3 mills, city 25, state and county 13.2, a total of 57.5. This is an increase of 7.5 over this year, when it was 49 mills.

Jacksonville — Schools 24.2 mills, city 16.1, state and county 13.2, total 53.5, a decrease of 7.4 mills under the current 60.9 mills.

Phoenix — Schools 12.8 mills, city 15.1, state and county 13.2, total 41.1, a decrease of 4.4 mills. This year it was 43.5 mills.

Rogue River — Schools 22.6 mills, city 12.3, state and county 13.2, total 48.1, an increase of 1.7 over this year's total of 46.4 mills.

DEWEY CAMPAIGN OPENS WITH RAP AT 'DEFEATISM'

Government Hostility, Taxation, Political Quackery Held Stifling Enterprise.

Minneapolis, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Thomas E. Dewey probed down to the roots of the farm problem today, seeking facts and suggestions to use in his drive for the Republican presidential nomination.

He opened his campaign last night with a blast at new deal "defeatism," and today continued it with a conference with a dozen of the state's top ranking farmers and farm organization leaders.

The New York district attorney announced he was eager for facts and well primed with questions about agriculture's troubles. He hinted at the trend his investigation would take yesterday when he mentioned the drought and southern competition with northern dairy interests as two important questions.

His inquiry into the farm question coincided with spotlighting of the problem by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D, Mont.), who came here to address a farmers' union convention in the St. Paul auditorium tonight.

Meanwhile Dewey and his advisors awaited the repercussions from his keynote speech last night, when he declared "government hostility, repressive taxation and economic quackery" have stifled American enterprise.

He quoted President Roosevelt as having said "Our industrial plant is built. The problem just now is whether under ex-

REVENGE SEEN MOTIVE IN MURDER OF GERMAN CONSULATE SECRETARY

New York, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A vengeful person with a racial or personal grudge was sought today as the budgeon slayer of Dr. Walter Engelberg, 42, German consulate secretary.

Deputy Medical Examiner Manuel E. Marten said Engelberg, who had been in the consular service nearly 20 years, had been struck at least three times while asleep, and the blows, with an "ax or some other heavy weapon," were so severe the man was "practically decapitated."

No weapon was found in Engelberg's Brooklyn dwelling, which neighbors called "Hitler house" and which is on a dead-end street that winds up at a Jewish burial ground.

Engelberg's battered body, clad in a bloody nightshirt, was found in a second-floor bedroom yesterday. Marten said the man had been dead "about 24 hours." Walls, carpet and ceilings were splashed with blood.

Police said they found 50 or 60 photographs of nude men in the house.

Kuhn Sentenced to Prison



Fritz Kuhn (right) of the German-American Bund fame, is shown on his way to court in New York where he was sentenced to prison for a term of 2 1/2 to 5 years. He was convicted recently of grand larceny of Bund funds. Men with him are officers.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific standard)
Tonight: Talks, WJZ-NBC, 6, Paul V. McNutt on "Democracy's Obligation To Its Youth;" WJZ-NBC, 6:30, America's Town Meeting, "Can Business and Government Work Together Today?" Sen. Robert A. Taft and others. Europe, WABC-CBS, 5:55, 8; MBS, 6, 7:30; WFAF-NBC, 8.
Friday: Europe, NBC-chains, 5 a. m.; WABC-CBS, 5 a. m., 3:30 p. m., Congress of American Industry, WFAF-NBC 10:30 a. m., H. W. Prentiss Jr. on "Current American Crisis."

HOUCK BIDS LOW ON PAC. HIGHWAY WORK

Portland, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Bids totaling nearly \$300,000 were submitted to the state highway commission on seven projects today.

Low bids included: Jackson county: Paving 6.31 miles and furnishing crushed rock for Siskiyou-state line section of Pacific highway. Roy L. Houck, Salem, \$108,244.

Fourth Set of Twins Within Five Years Astounds Medic

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A medical phenomenon apparently unequalled anywhere in Canada was disclosed today through a doctor's announcement that Mrs. Jack Dye, 32, had given birth to her fourth consecutive set of twins.

All the twins, born in the period of five years, are alive and well.

Dr. R. Elder, who attended Mrs. Dye at the birth of her fourth set of twins Aug. 31, said "I can find no other case in Canada of such a record as Mrs. Dye has established."

LOCAL ATTORNEYS FORM MINING CO.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Articles of incorporation filed today: Tip Top Mining Co., Inc. Medford. H. D. Duncan, G. A. Codding and Victor Tengwald, Mining. Capital stock 100 shares NPV, filed by Duncan, atty., Medford.

H. B. Duncan explained today that the mining property, embracing 160 acres and seven claims, was located in Josephine county above Holland and near the Oregon - California line. Three Los Angeles persons, whose names can't be revealed at present, "are backing the mine," he stated.

He said there had been considerable prospecting on the property and that "prospects looked fairly good." A meeting of the corporation officers will be held soon, he said.

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BOY HITCH-HIKER SHOT IN EFFORT TO AVOID ARREST

O. W. Spiker, Locked in Rear of Own Auto, Makes Escape on Eugene Street.

State police here said today they had no information concerning the time the automobile passed through Medford, nor the location where it stopped while the owner was forced into the trunk.

Albany, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A youthful hitch-hiker who turned robber, with the man who befriended him as his victim, lay dead in the county morgue today, his escape ended by a state patrolman's gun.

The youth, described as between 18 and 20 years, was fatally shot in a brief gun battle last night with state patrolman Wallace Hugg, who said the youth fired as he drove alongside of him.

State police Captain Walter Lansing said the car had been stolen from O. W. Spiker, Klamath Falls sawmill equipment salesman who had picked up the khaki-clad hitch-hiker 25 miles east of Ashland.

Spiker said the youth, brandishing a gun, locked him in the car's rear trunk near Medford. He said he finally freed himself at Eugene by removing the trunk lock with a screw driver.

Hugg spotted the youth shortly after Spiker unfolded his story to police.

Eugene, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A 54-year-old Klamath Falls salesman, O. W. Spiker, owes his life, today to a tool placed in his hands by the hitch-hiker who locked him into the trunk of his automobile near Medford after threatening him with death.

He tumbled to the pavement of a Eugene street four hours later, gaining his freedom by a screw driver which his captor knocked from the trunk and replaced before he locked the owner of the car into the small space for his wild 200-mile drive northward. Other contents of the trunk, however, were dumped.

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RED CROSS TO ACCEPT HELP FOR FINLANDERS

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Norman Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, disclosed after a White House call today that the organization had authorized its 3,700 chapters to accept contributions for the relief of the Finnish people.

Davis said also it had 50,000 surgical dressings ready to send to the war-ravaged country.