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CONSCRIPTION BILL COMPROMISE SEEN

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 3.—At last, there is an excellent prospect for decisive action to prevent fifth column activity in the United States. Following discussion of the problem at the Havana conference, state and justice department authorities have agreed that the German and Italian embassies and consulates here must be firmly warned to watch their steps or look for trouble.

The time for such action is certainly at hand. Of course, this country has not yet been afflicted with such vast hordes of German and Italian "diplomats"—actually agents provocateurs using diplomatic privileges to shield their activities—as have invaded several South and Central American nations. But reports are current of some surprising increases in embassy staffs and, much more serious, of highly objectionable activities in many of the consulates.

The recent disclosures regarding the German commercial counselor Gerhardt Westrick, who is peddling Nazism and denouncing the defense program to any New York businessmen stupid enough to listen, form an important case in point. Similar agents are selling the same line of goods, with somewhat more success, in many of the western cities.

The German consulates in Boston, New Orleans and San Francisco are headed by remarkably important Nazi party members, who are given means to live on a scale far beyond that required for ordinary consuls, and whose presence and purpose in this country need considerable explanation. The truth is that the American government has waited a long time to demand the why and wherefores of men like Dr. Herbert Scholz in Boston and Captain Fritz Weidemann in San Francisco. The period of waiting has now come to an end.

The effort to repress propaganda work by German and Italian agents masquerading as "diplomats" will be made parallel to the similar efforts which the other American nations agreed on at Havana. But the attack on the fifth column will also go further.

Until recently, an almost in-

DIXIE ROOSTERS DOING HEN'S JOB

West Asheville, N. C., Aug. 3.—(P)—Folks in these parts are wondering what revolution is taking place among the chicken population.

Recently a farmer reported his roosters were making better mothers than the hens. But, Charles H. Starnes went him one better.

Starnes' bantam rooster sat for five weeks, hatched some chicks himself and now is mothering them.

DUKE OF WINDSOR PLANS A MYSTERY

Hamilton, Bermuda, Aug. 3.—(P)—Whether the Duke of Windsor will stop at Bermuda is still a mystery tonight as far as local officials are concerned.

A government house spokesman said he had no knowledge of any arrangements to convey the duke from Bermuda to his new post as governor of the Bahamas or even that the duke is coming here.

MALONEY FRAMES SUBSTITUTE ACT TO DELAY DRAFT

Urge Trial Voluntary System First, With Pay Boost—Wheeler Approves Move—Vote Monday.

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—An administration drive to line up the senate votes needed to pass the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military service bill was begun today, but so much opposition was manifested that some supporters predicted a compromise would be necessary although Senator Burke (D., Neb.), one of the co-authors of the bill, predicted that less than 20 opposition votes would be cast. Senator Lee (D., Okla.), and advocate of compulsory service, said an informal survey indicated that it would be necessary to seek some middle ground in order to get the measure through the house, as well as the senate.

Byrnes To Lead
Burke said it was his understanding that Senator Byrnes (D., S.C.) would be the unofficial leader of administration forces. In the past, he said, Byrnes has had extraordinary success in winning approval of controversial measures.

In connection with the talk of compromise, Senator Maloney (D., Conn.) disclosed that he was drafting a proposal which he said he felt both opponents and proponents of the conscription bill would accept. The Burke-Wadsworth bill, scheduled for final approval Monday by the senate military affairs committee, provides, in general, that 12,000,000 male citizens between 21 and 30 years, inclusive, should be registered for possible military service. From these registrants, local boards would select 400,000 who would be called to service.

Vital Changes
Maloney said his substitute would propose that the registration be carried out as provided in the Burke-Wadsworth bill, but that conscription be delayed for several months, possibly until January 1.

In the meantime, voluntary enlistments for one year's training would be attempted, with the basic army pay scale being raised from \$21 to \$30 a month.

If there were insufficient volunteers to meet the army's requirements by the specified date, conscription would go into effect automatically. However, only enough conscripts would be summoned to make up the difference between the number who had volunteered and the quota which previously had been fixed by the army.

Harmony Sought
"As I look at it," Maloney told reporters, "the paramount thing is to eliminate any controversy over the defense program. Conscription is a controversial issue, with many senators opposing it on the grounds that it is both undemocratic and unnecessary."

"This proposal would demonstrate whether it is necessary. It is geared to meet the demands of the army and to satisfy the argument that conscription is not necessary."

Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.), looked upon as the unofficial leader of a bi-partisan group opposing compulsory military service, said the Maloney compromise would be acceptable to him and others of like views if the senate would not agree to try the voluntary one-year enlistment system without any conscription strings.

Reports were current that opponents of conscription would report the one-year voluntary enlistment plan as an amendment when legislation giving the president authority to order the national guard into active service comes up in the senate Monday.

Wheeler said the conscription opponents had not determined finally on their strategy.

The Bahamas are proud of their long history of self government.

Ready for Quick Change



Ready to "cut" the new Medford dial equipment into service, by pulling strings to remove fibre boards in the line relays. From left to right—Glenn Jackson, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; R. B. Hammond, telephone manager; Mayor Charles C. Furnas; and John H. Rolston, telephone company wire chief who was in charge of the cutover to dial. Additional pictures on Page 3.

LUNACY BOARD IN FEHL PLEA NAMED

Pendleton, Aug. 3.—(P)—Drs. James H. Huddleston and Wendell H. Hutchens, Portland, were named by Circuit Judge C. L. Sweek yesterday as psychiatrists in a Salem hearing at which Earl Fehl will seek to prove his sanity. Fehl, former Jackson county judge, asks his release from the state hospital. Judge Sweek heard preliminary testimony Tuesday and Wednesday but adjourned the hearing pending a report from two alienists of his own selection.

TOWNSEND COMES OUT FOR WILKIE

Cleveland, Aug. 3.—(P)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend reported tonight he's a "Wendell Wilkie man."

Pausing here en route to Sandusky, O., where he will make an address tomorrow, the pension leader said he would cast his vote for the Republican presidential nominee in the November election.

"Wilkie strikes me as being a business man," Dr. Townsend told an interviewer, "and if there was ever a time in the history of this country when we needed a business man, it's right now."

The 73-year-old originator of the old age pension plan bearing his name recalled he supported the Union party's presidential candidate, William Lemke, in 1936, but asserted he would never favor a third party nominee "as long as we can express ourselves at the polls without such a candidate."

Missionary Work

Superior, Wis., Aug. 3.—(P)—The thief who stole a phonograph and four records from the car of Anton Vellin of Maple, is in for a surprise—when he plays them, he'll hear four Bible lectures.

4,800 Homes Sold

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—The Home Owners' Loan corporation reported today the sale during June of more than 4,800 foreclosed homes for an aggregate of \$16,000,000.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 3.—(P)—Holding a lead of more than 6 to 1 over his nearest opponent, United States Senator A. B. (Happy) Chandler, was nominated today by the Democrats of Kentucky to run in the November general election for the unexpired term of the late Senator M. M. Logan.

CRISIS NEAR IN JAP-ENGLISH ROW

Tokyo, Sunday, Aug. 4.—(P)—Recall of Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese ambassador to London, was urged by the newspaper Hichi today in an article demanding that the government "take a resolute decision" regarding the arrest of two prominent Japanese businessmen in Britain.

The paper also suggested that Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, British ambassador to Tokyo, be given his walking papers. Comment in most other Japanese newspapers was reserved pending a report on the arrests by the foreign minister Yosuke Matsuoka. Some, however, counseled the government to "deal with the British with firm determination."

Popular feeling appeared to be running high, but there was no official reaction.

BULLETIN

Albany, Ore., Aug. 3.—(P)—Albany defeated Medford, 13-7, tonight in the first game of a series which may determine the first half champion of the Oregon State baseball league.

Bunched hits off Rego and McClain coupled with seven Medford errors cost the Craters the decision although Medford out-hit Albany, 12-11. Umpire Wilkinson chased Rego from the game in the seventh inning for too much argument over a ball-and-strike decision.

Score:
Medford 7 12 7
Albany 0 3 1
Rego, McClain and Hawkins; Miller and Robertson.

Seattle, Aug. 3.—(P)—The one lone hit that Sad Sam Gibson allowed the Seattle Rainiers gave that team a victory over San Francisco tonight in the Pacific Coast baseball league.

Sad Sam, displaying control that handcuffed the hard-hitting Seattle lineup, held the league leaders hitless and scoreless until the sixth inning. Then Dick Gyselman pounded out a two-bagger to left field. He went to third on an infield out and slid home safely when Al Wright kicked away Jo-Jo White's grounder.

Night game: R. H. E.
San Francisco 0 3 1
Seattle 1 1 1
Gibson and Sprinz; Barrett and Campbell.

Night game: R. H. E.
San Diego 9 15 1
Hollywood 10 13 2
Humphreys, Craghead, Pillette, Thomas and Detore; Gay Moncrief, Tost, Fleming and Brenzel.

MEDFORD, J'VILLE 'PHONES SWITCHED TO DIAL SYSTEM

Change-over Made Without Hitch in New Building at 5th and Bartlett Streets.

With dispatch and precision the Medford telephone system was changed to dial operation shortly before midnight Saturday.

Three hours before, at about 9 o'clock, the Jacksonville exchange was converted to dial. Both conversions—the telephone people call them "cut-overs"—were made on schedule with little, if any, interruption in telephone service either in Medford or Jacksonville, according to R. B. Hammond, veteran manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. **Quickly Done**

The actual change-over was the work of but a minute or two. In Medford, working under guidance of John H. Rolston, wire chief, special crews of telephone craftsmen were at the old office on 6th street and at the enlarged telephone building at 5th and Bartlett streets. At the old switchboard Miss Clarita Bernert, local chief operator, with L. W. LaBare, traffic chief, were on duty observing the traffic—the calls being handled by the operators.

At the switchboard in the new quarters, Miss Myrta Otterdale, long distance chief operator, was on duty with a group of operators.

Start on Signal
A few minutes before midnight, Miss Bernert and Mr. LaBare, noting that the old switchboard was clear of all calls, or mostly clear, gave the signal to Mr. Rolston to start the conversion.

Mr. Rolston, at the 5th and Bartlett streets building, was connected with all points by special telephones, and his first signal was to the men in the old office, in charge of Frank Woodward, to begin pulling heat coils. Instantly the craftsmen went into action. The heat coils, which are small protective devices, were whipped out of the old equipment by means of cords.

A few seconds later Mr. Rolston gave the signal to the men in the dial switching room to pull "picks"—small fiber board pieces—from line relays of the new dial equipment. This took less than a minute, and this double action deadened the old equipment and breathed the spark of life into the new automatic apparatus.

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TOKYO PROTESTS BAN ON AIR GAS

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—Japan protested formally today against the embargo which makes it impossible for her to purchase aviation gasoline in this country.

Kensuke Horinouchi, the Japanese ambassador, handed a note of protest to Sumner Welles, under secretary of state, on instructions from his government.

Polite but grave, the ambassador strode into the under-secretary's office in the old state department building. Welles, standing beside his desk as Horinouchi entered, smiled and shook hands. Then they discussed briefly the formal communication.

The Japanese envoy would not disclose the contents of the message to reporters afterward, except to say that it dealt with a commercial matter.

Tornado Hits Dawson, N. D.
Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 3.—(P) Rescue workers searching the wreckage of Dawson, 50 miles east of here, laid waste by a tornado late yesterday, put the death count to two today, the injured at a score and unofficially estimated the damage between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

NAZIS REPLY TO CHURCHILL TALK WITH AIR RAIDS

Britain Warned to Beware Of Propaganda—More Dominion Troops Arrive.

By the Associated Press
London, Sunday, Aug. 4.—(P)—German warplanes lashed England, Scotland and Wales with heavy bomb attacks early today, several hours after Prime Minister Churchill warned Britons to be ready for a mass Nazi attack at any time.

Authorities said, however, that the raids caused no material damage and no casualties. The heaviest anti-aircraft fire yet heard in Wales greeted enemy planes over many coastal towns and well inland. Some bombs were dropped but the defense fire repeatedly broke up attempts at a sustained raid, reports said.

The Germans cruised over northeast, southeast and southwest Scotland for 45 minutes, dropping high explosives in attacks, authorities said, on open country districts. A terrific explosion shook waterfront property in a north-east England coast town as enemy planes flew over. Southwest England also was visited but there was no bombing.

The British reported last night their air raiders had gone across the channel to pound at likely blitzkrieg springboards while the ground forces worked at top speed to seal the island kingdom against invasion. Churchill, in a statement from No. 10 Downing street, advised the nation to beware of German propaganda and to look "with a double dose" of suspicion on hints that no invasion may be impending.

"The prime minister," his statement said, "wishes it to be known that the possibility of German attempts at invasion has by no means passed away. The fact that the Germans are now putting about rumors that they do not intend an invasion should be regarded with a double dose of the suspicion which attaches to all their utterances.

"Our sense of growing strength and preparedness must not lead to the slightest relaxation of vigilance or moral alertness."

At the same time, it was disclosed that more men have arrived from the dominions to buttress the manpower defending this island citadel and the air ministry reported new raids on military objectives in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany throughout Friday.

Hangars, runways and grounded aircraft were sprayed with bombs and machine gun fire from low altitudes in daylight attacks on air bases in France, Belgium and Holland, the ministry said.

Chief targets of night forays were said to have been German air fields and oil depots at Emden, Hamburg, Misburg, Salzbergen and Emmerick.

BOOM GEN. MARTIN AS LEGION CHIEF

Portland, Aug. 3.—(P)—A movement to have General Charles H. Martin, former governor, become a candidate for commander of the Oregon department, American Legion, has been started by up-state members. Adjutant W. C. Charack of Willamette Heights post, said today.

A commander will be elected at the convention September 4 to 7 at Seaside. Martin is a charter member of Willamette Heights post, Portland.

Halt French Tankers.
Port Said, Egypt, Aug. 3.—(P) British naval authorities refused today to permit two French tankers, the Roxane and Melpomene, totaling 25,000 tons, to depart for France, fearing the oil cargoes would fall into German hands.

Scent Santa Claus

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—A development in the capital today was a statement from Rep. Shafer (R., Mich.) in which he said he had learned that the administration had printed 10,000,000 blank relief checks and a large number of food stamps for use in "politically strategic centers."

"Keeping in mind this sudden and significant, not to say startling, increase in the orders for blank checks," Shafer said, "it becomes a remarkable coincidence that the number of persons on the federal relief rolls have in the past increased greatly from June through October in each election year.

"Ten million blank relief checks will, whether or not it is so intended, reach and perhaps influence a lot of voters."

Shafer said he would present the information he has obtained to the house next week.

DEMOCRATS NAME LEACH CHAIRMAN OVER WARD SPATZ

Portland, Aug. 3.—(P)—Charles H. Leach, Medford, defeated Ward Spatz of Portland on the fourth ballot today to become Oregon's new Democratic state central committee chairman.

Leach received 37 votes to 31 for Spatz. Frank Tierney, the retiring state chairman, withdrew after the first ballot and the name of Willis Mahoney, former Klamath Falls mayor, was withdrawn after the third.

Leach is a former state legislator and game commissioner. He formerly served as state committee treasurer. He won over a field of eight nominees.

The only committee official re-elected was Flavel Temple, Portland hotel man, secretary. Other new officers are Mrs. Joan Dickson, Hood River, vice-chairman, and State Senator Lew Wallace, Portland, treasurer.

Leach got 25 votes, 10 less than the necessary 35, on the first ballot. Mahoney got 10; J. F. Ulrich, Salem, 4; Tierney, 11; State Senator Lyman Ross, Aloha, 2; Clarence Hyde, Eugene, 4; Steach Johnson, Sheridan, 3, and Ward Spatz, Medford, 8.

Tierney withdrew on the second ballot and attempted to swing his vote to Mahoney, but Leach gained five votes to 30, while Mahoney's total rose only to 16. The third ballot was nullified by an illegal count. It gave Leach 31. Mahoney's name was withdrawn after the third ballot and on the fourth Leach got 37 votes, sufficient for victory.

Mr. Spatz, former Jackson county chairman, who did not go to Portland for the state meeting, issued the following statement last night:

"In the selection of Mr. Leach as state chairman, the Oregon Democrats chose wisely and well. For many years he has been an ardent and consistent party worker. He will unite and stimulate our forces. I am grateful that I was even considered for the important position."

Col. Lindbergh's address, entitled "Keep America Out of War for American Reasons," will be carried by the MBS radio network at 12:30 p. m. (PST). It will be his third broadcast in connection with the European situation and its effect on the United States.

THUNDER STORMS IN HILLS SLATED

Northern California: Fair Sunday but fog on coast night and morning; slightly cooler in delta regions Sunday afternoon; moderate northwest wind off coast.

Oregon: Fair Sunday. Outlook for far western states for period August 3 to August 10, inclusive: Fair weather except fogs on coast and scattered thunderstorms over northern mountain districts middle of week; cooler in Pacific Northwest by middle of week.

GLASS BACKS FDR JOHNSON RESENTS RECENT COMMENT

'Same Old Stiletto' Says California Solon In Reply—Cites Unfairness.

Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—Senator Carter Glass of Virginia disclosed tonight that he would vote for President Roosevelt despite his opposition to a third term.

"I stated in my speech in Chicago my position on a third term," Glass was quoted by the Washington Post by telephone from his home in Lynchburg, Va.

"However, as a member of that nominating convention, I feel in honor bound to vote for his nominee. This I propose to do."

Senator Johnson, California Republican, said today that President Roosevelt's recent comments about him were "just the same old purge, the same old sham expressions of regard and affection, the same old stiletto."

The 73-year-old senator, who bolted the Republican party in 1932 to support the President, referred to Mr. Roosevelt's press conference remark that no one considered Johnson a progressive or liberal Democrat in the year 1940 and that while he still was very fond of Johnson the Californian had changed a lot in the last four or five years.

Johnson was away from his office when the comment was made yesterday, but he issued a formal statement today in which he said that "Mr. Roosevelt's carefully planned and affectionate (?) attack is no surprise."

The president's remark resulted from a reporter's comment that Johnson was running for renomination to the senate on the Republican, Democratic and Progressive tickets. Johnson said that the president, "in fairness," should have explained that all five candidates for the California senatorial nomination were running on both Democratic and Republican tickets.

LINDY BROADCAST AT 12:30 TODAY

Chicago, Aug. 3.—(P)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Patrick A. A. McCarran (D., Nev.) will speak tomorrow in the Soldier Field stadium at a meeting sponsored by the "Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee."

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Washington, Aug. 3.—(P)—General John J. Pershing, commander of the American world war forces, will make a radio talk on "The Security of the Americas" at 4 p. m. (PST) tomorrow. His 15-minute address will be broadcast by all networks.

Willows, Calif., Aug. 3.—(P)—Joseph Warter, 74, of Tacoma, was killed and his son and stepdaughter were injured in an automobile accident near here today.

AD PHONES CHANGED

Telephone numbers shown in today's Want Ads have been changed to conform with the dial system which went into effect early this morning.