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Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued warm and dry.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 96
Lowest this morning 58

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DRAFT BILL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 5.—Although interested parties have sedulously tried to confuse the issue, the facts of the English destroyer problem are fairly simple. If England is not to be defeated, the English channel must be held. To hold the channel destroyers are vitally necessary, both because larger craft cannot maneuver in such narrow waters, and because the strongest navy in the world is tactically impotent without an attendant destroyer flotilla. And German air and submarine attacks have been picking off England's destroyers at an alarming rate.

Both American and English naval authorities agree that the time may come very soon when England will have to obtain additional destroyers, or face the possible loss of the channel. Thus the time is already at hand when the central issue of American national policy must be squarely met by the national leaders. The American navy has over 300 destroyers, or more than all the other navies in the world put together. American and English naval authorities also agree that fifty destroyers will meet England's need. The question is whether to make the destroyers available, or to risk a total German victory.

Only a third of the destroyers England has lost are actually sunk. The other two-thirds are in harbor for repairs. Before long large numbers of new English destroyers will be sliding down the ways, under the building program started at the beginning of the war. The fifty destroyers, for which trained crews are available in England, will keep the English going until the rate of destroyer construction and repair catches up with the rate at which destroyers are being damaged or sunk.

THOSE who are trying to confuse the destroyer issue have concentrated, of course, on disseminating the idea that England is beaten already, and that siding England now is throwing good money after bad. Recently,

CCC DISPATCHED TO PALMER CREEK FIRE

Twenty CCC men were dispatched this afternoon to a brush fire at the mouth of Palmer creek near the Main Applegate road in the Applegate district of the Rogue River national forest. Twenty other enrollees were standing by awaiting orders to the fire.

A state forest patrol crew put out a brush and grass fire near the Griffin creek school this afternoon, after it had burned over three acres. No property was endangered, headquarters said.

PATHWAY CLEARED FOR EARLY ACTION ON SENATE FLOOR

Committee Votes, 12 to 3, for Registration of Men Between 21 and 30 Years

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The military committee voted, 12 to 3, today to send to the senate floor the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill requiring the registration of approximately 12,000,000 men from the ages of 21 to 30, inclusive.

Committee approval cleared the way for senate consideration this week of the measure, which bore the personal endorsement of Secretary of War Stimson and was recorded by the budget bureau as being in accordance with President Roosevelt's program.

Considerable opposition to the bill was foreshadowed in the senate, although only three votes were recorded against it in committee.

Downey Didn't Vote
Senator Downey (D-Calif.), who was present at today's committee meeting, did not vote.

Machinery for registrations could be set in motion if and when the bill becomes law, but President Roosevelt could not order any draftees into service before congress appropriated money for their training.

Army officials have said they hoped to call 400,000 men for service by October, if the bill is enacted.

The bill contained a provision permitting men from 18 to 34, inclusive, to enlist voluntarily in the army for one-year training as an alternative to conscription.

Guard Call Eyed
The committee acted shortly before the senate began work on a related issue—presidential authority to call the National Guard into active training.

Senators recorded in favor of the registration bill were Shepard (D-Tex.), Reynolds (D-NC), Thomas (D-Utah), Minton (D-Ind.), Lee (D-Okla.), Hill (D-Ala.), Chandler (D-Ky.), Smathers (D-N. J.), Schwartz (D-Wyo.), Gurney (R-S. D.), and Holman, (R-Ore.).

Wins Divorce



Florence Rice, blond screen actress and daughter of sports writer Grantland Rice, is shown as she appeared in court in Los Angeles to win a divorce from Robert Wilcox, also of the films, who did not contest the action. The couple married in Hawaii on March 31, 1939, and last May 20 announced a "trial separation."

CANNERY BARTS BRING \$35 TON IN LARGE DEAL

Sale of a substantial tonnage of Bartlett pears to cannery interests at a price based on \$35 for 2 1/2 sizes was reported here authentically today.

LAIR THOMPSON DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

Bend, Aug. 5.—(AP)—W. Lair Thompson, 60, Portland attorney and former president of the state senate, died here at midnight of a heart attack suffered at Burns.

Lindbergh Leading Fifth Column Says Sen. Pepper in Debate

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP) Sen. Claude Pepper, D. Fla., today attacked Col. Charles A. Lindbergh as "chief of the nation's fifth columnists."

Pepper said Lindbergh apparently considered the European war simply a "land squabble between nations."

TWO ARRESTED IN INVESTIGATION OF CALIFORNIA REDS

22 Months Probe Revealed by Los Angeles D. A.—Says Murders Plotted

Los Angeles, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A 22 months' investigation of alleged Communist activities in southern California has resulted in the arrest of two men and, says the Los Angeles district attorney, the accumulation of a "startling amount of evidence" pointing toward a plot to assassinate prominent Americans and violently overthrow the government.

One man is in jail in connection with the five-year-old slaying of an "anti-red" member of the maritime union, District Attorney Buron Fitts disclosed. He is Britain Webster, 27, a longshoreman.

BIG DEFENSE OUTLAYS MAY PUSH TOTAL OVER TWENTY BILLION MARK

Washington, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The budget bureau, adding up pyramiding defense outlays, found today that pending appropriations and contract authorizations may push this congress' spending total above \$20,000,000,000.

MINESWEEPER SUNK

London, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The admiralty announced tonight that the minesweeping trawler Marsona had been sunk by a mine.

BASEBALL

American	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	9	12	1
St. Louis	2	6	1
Rowe and Sullivan; Niggeling, Lawson, Mills, and Susce, Swift.			
Cleveland	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	10	12	1
Chicago	1	5	1
Harder and Hemsley; E. Smith, Appeton, Turner and Tresh			

BRITISH AIRMEN WREAK HAVOC IN COASTAL ATTACK

Offensive to Keep Germany From Blitzkrieg Is Seen in Spectacular Onslaught

By the Associated Press
Spectacular aerial offensives—possibly the preliminaries of important new phases of the European war—were reported today by Britain and Italy.

Charging in within range of German anti-aircraft batteries on the continental coast of the English channel, the British air ministry said, a squadron of nine Spitfires caught a patrol of German Messerschmitts on their home grounds and shot down two. A third was reported downed on the English side of the channel.

WILLKIE ARGUES FOR DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY AS DEFENSE

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie told a cheering crowd at the state capital grounds here today that the projected defense program should involve a major decentralization of industry.

WOMEN RESCUED ON MOUNTAINSIDE

Glacier Ranger Station, Wash. Aug. 5.—(AP)—Two thinly clad women who were marooned high on Mt. Shuksan yesterday were rescued by mountaineers today and the party of rescuers was expected back at this station by evening.

FLYING BOAT ARRIVES

New York, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The camouflaged British flying boat Clare has resumed trans-Atlantic service, suspended since last October. It arrived yesterday after an uneventful flight from England carrying official passengers and mail.

Dr. Cook of Dispute Fame Dies From Apoplexy Stroke

New Rochelle, N. Y., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer who claimed to have been the first man to reach the North Pole, died in New Rochelle hospital today.

Cook, who was 75, had suffered a stroke of apoplexy last May 3. He was brought to the hospital July 24 from the home of his friend and colleague, Ralph Shainwald von Ahlefeldt of Larchmont.

Before the stroke, Dr. Cook, a physician as well as an explorer, had gone from the home of his sister, Mrs. Ada Murphy of Toms River, N. J., to care for Von Ahlefeldt's wife, who was ill.

Dr. Cook maintained a night and day vigil at Mrs. Von Ahlefeldt's bedside and was near the point of exhaustion when she died. The stroke followed a few days later.

Failures Admitted
During his long career as explorer, Dr. Cook admitted many failures and claimed only two major successes, both of which his colleagues either refused to accept or accepted only with reluctance.

In 1901 Cook attempted to scale Mount McKinley in Alaska. The attempt failed, but a few years later he tried again, this time claiming success.

Other explorers refused to believe him at the time but, according to Von Ahlefeldt, the claim subsequently was substantiated.

Disputed By Perry
Cook's claim that he reached the North Pole in 1908, however, was contested by Robt. E. Perry and an investigating committee found that Peary was the true discoverer.

Several years ago, however, Cook started libel suits totaling \$125,000, against publications which had ridiculed his claims, and some of the suits were pending when he was stricken with an apoplectic stroke on May 3.

Cook was born June 10, 1865, at Callicoon, N. Y., the son of a country doctor. He went to Brooklyn, N. Y., in his teens and worked as a milkman to finance his schooling.

RUMANIA IRON GUARD TO QUIT PREMIER IF HUNGARY GIVEN LAND

Bucharest, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Leaders of the fascist-like Iron Guard organization said today that they would withdraw support from the cabinet of Premier Ion Gikurtu if any Transylvania territory is ceded to Hungary.

There have been reports that, under German pressure, the Rumanian government had agreed in principle to cession of some territory to Hungary.

Government circles admitted that there was danger of an immediate cabinet crisis as a result of rising opposition to proposed territorial concessions.

Official sources previously had indicated that Rumania might cede some of South Dobruja to Bulgaria, but was determined to keep Transylvania.

MERCURY NEARS CENTURY MARK

At 2:30 this afternoon the temperature reached 98 degrees and appeared to be crowding the 100 mark, highest for this year to date.

Forecast was for continued fair, warm and dry weather.

KIN OF SILLIMAN KILLED IN CRASH NEAR YONCALLA

Brother and Mother Victims of Accident On Way Home After Visit in Phoenix

Roseburg, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Robert R. Silliman, 57, and his mother, Mrs. Flora M. Silliman, 77, both of Seattle, were killed Sunday evening when an automobile driven by Raymond C. Gowler, 26, was wrecked on the Pacific highway about one-half mile south of Yoncalla.

Gowler and his wife, Ada, 24, both of Harper, Wash., are in the local hospital, the former suffering from a badly crushed jawbone. Mrs. Gowler suffered head and face cuts but was not critically hurt. Gowler is a son-in-law of Mr. Silliman.

State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported that the wreck occurred when Gowler attempted to pass a large freight truck traveling in the same direction. The car skidded on the shoulder on the left side of the highway and rolled end for end after striking the abutment of a concrete culvert.

The four persons in the fatal car accident had been visitors for three days at the home of Mrs. Flora Silliman's son Ernest C. Silliman, of Phoenix. They all made a trip Saturday to Crater Lake national park. The Silliman family is well known in Medford and vicinity.

Ernest Silliman was notified of the tragedy last night by a long distance telephone call from his sister, Mrs. Cecil Clark of Seattle. A second telephone call said that Mr. and Mrs. Gowler were to be taken home from the hospital by train. Mrs. Gowler is a daughter of Robert Silliman, one of the victims in the double tragedy.

Ernest Silliman left for Seattle where he planned to remain a week or ten days.

Robert Silliman was in charge of drafting and computing work on the Bonneville dam project. Of late he had been employed in the Portland office, having in worked during the past year at Astoria and Walla Walla, Wn.

Mrs. Silliman is survived by two sons, Ernest C. Silliman, Phoenix, and C. P. Silliman, Oakland, Cal., and a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Clark, Seattle.

BRITISH EXPLANATION IN JAPANESE ARRESTS HELD UNSATISFACTORY

London, Aug. 5.—(AP)—One of two prominent Japanese businessmen arrested in the interests of national security was released tonight from Brixton prison.

The Japanese, K. Makihara, was released because "evidence was not deemed sufficient" to warrant further detention," officials said. A second Japanese, Shunsuke Tanabe, was still in custody.

A spokesman at the Japanese embassy said that, pending orders from Tokyo, the embassy considered the British explanation of the arrests as in the interests of national security to be "unsatisfactory."

Previously, it had been disclosed that two Japanese were ordered deported on grounds of pro-fascist activities.

The deportation order was issued against Takayuki Eguchi and Mrs. Milley Yoshii, both of whom were arrested three weeks ago—prior to arrest of Britons charged with espionage in Japan and the seizure by British officials of Japanese businessmen in London and other parts of the empire under the war time alien regulations.

Japs Release Ship
Shanghai, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The small American coastal ship Estelle was released today by Japanese authorities who had held her for five days after she took refuge from a typhoon in a zone forbidden to shipping.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIDUNE REPORTERS

Bob Dietrich enjoying a visit back in the old home town which he thinks is a bit warmer compared to his cool southern California beach home.

Emil Mohr embarrassing a friend by carrying on a minute inspection, trying to prove whether the friend's sun tan was from old soil himself or cosmetics.

The arch Republican Frank VanDyke changing his clothes before leaving Ashland to address a Pro-America meeting here, he forgetting to change his Willkie button and coming without same, being much embarrassed thereby until he thought of a clever story thereon.

Maury Spatz sitting quietly at home and comfortably following the destiny of Brother Ward at the Demo state chairman election in Portland.