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INVASION ATTEMPT IS BELIEVED NEAR

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP, and ROBERT KINTNER

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Washington, Aug. 13.—The personality of Harry L. Hopkins is rapidly becoming an administration storm center. His management of the president's affairs at the Chicago convention, besides offending James A. Farley, caused a number of the most eminent new dealers to tear their hair in impotent fury. To the new dealers, because of his closeness to the president, Hopkins is invulnerable.

Recently, however, he seems to have been attacked from another quarter. Ed Flynn of the Bronx, having inherited Jim Farley's chairmanship of the Democratic national committee, is carrying on his predecessor's war against the new dealers' interventions in politics. And it is reported on excellent authority, that his first foray took the form of advice to the president that Hopkins ought to stay out of the political picture. Specifically, he is said to have requested that Hopkins be not invited to take a formal part in the pre-campaign conference between the president and secretary of agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, at Hyde park.

Originally, Hopkins' participation in this meeting had been widely advertised. It was intimated that he was coming to Hyde Park especially to be present. Then shortly before the meeting was to take place, one of the president's staff told reporters that Hopkins was not coming for the meeting after all, that he was a permanent guest of the Roosevelt family, coming and going as he pleased, and that, in fact, his presence at Hyde Park was strictly accidental. Whether he later sat in on the Roosevelt-Wallace talk, is not a matter of record. The point is that an effort was made, apparently in response to Flynn's plea, to minimize his importance as one of the president's campaign advisers.

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FIRES COVER WIDE CALIFORNIA AREA

Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—(U.P.)—With over 25,000 acres of valuable timberland and watershed already destroyed, four major fires raged out of control in southern California today, defying efforts of over 2,500 forest rangers, CCC enrollees and volunteers.

Most destructive blaze was in the Los Padres national forest near Santa Barbara, where 1,000 men battled to control a fire that already had destroyed at least a dozen cabins in Foster Glenn county park and the Painted Cave area. Damage to the latter, a summer playground, was estimated at \$100,000.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Radio Ham Myrl Cromwell coming all the way to Medford from his domicile in Montague, Cal., without the leg of mutton he promised the local fire ladies over the airways, he, however, going home loaded with luscious Bartlett's from this generous town.

Enid Funk cogitating what she should adopt as a hobby, she leaning toward the collection of steam rollers. Betty Vilim revealing hers to be collecting men, her favorite of which came from a swank Hollywood spot.

Sherk Syd Brown taking a lesson in horticulture from the county courthouse landscape engineer.

Geraldine Wilkinson, Sr., and Earl Herendene reviewing their respective teeth tragically caused by consuming too many cars.

MAY TRY LANDING WITHIN 72 HOURS, OBSERVERS' VIEW

Aerial Blitzkrieg Continues Softening Up Process—Guns Fire Across Channel

London, Aug. 13.—(P)—It was officially estimated tonight that 500 German planes participated in mass attacks on Southampton and other coastal targets today.

By the Associated Press
 Hitler's 3-day-old aerial blitzkrieg against Britain struck in chain-lightning attacks by 400 to 600 Nazi warplanes today, raining havoc on towns and military objectives all along a 200-mile front on the English channel.

British censorship veiled the toll of death and destruction. Berlin reported 69 British RAF planes were destroyed with only 13 Nazi planes lost, while London said a mid-afternoon tabulation showed 57 German raiders downed.

RAF Counters
 With the "zero hour" apparently near for Hitler's threatened attempt to invade the island kingdom, huge waves of Nazi bombers and fighting planes returned to the attack this afternoon.

Swift-rising RAF fighters flew up to engage the raiders in dog-fights, twisting in and out of low-hanging clouds.

Attacking in waves of 50 to 100, the Germans were using their ace pilots.

In the four big days since Hitler turned on his aerial assault power full-blast, starting last Thursday, some 2000 Nazi planes have crossed the channel to storm Britain.

While British RAF Spitfires and Hurricane fighters roared up to meet the Nazi sky raiders, the censored London press warned that a German attempt at actual land invasion may be imminent.

Zero Hour Near
 From two other points—one belligerent, one neutral—came strong intimations that the long-awaited "zero hour" is near.

In Berlin, Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press chief of bureau there, messaged:

"All signs pointed today to an early zero hour for a Nazi offensive against England with its climax an attempt to land German troops on the British Isles."

In Bern, Switzerland, foreign military attaches agreed that an attempted invasion of England may come within 72 hours.

The Bern dispatch also said reports were current there that 40-mile Nazi "big berths" at Calais and Dunkerque had already begun laying down a cross-channel barrage behind Dover.

Simultaneously, the English censor, after holding back a dispatch from an Associated Press correspondent in a southeast coast town for 24 hours, finally shelled a cabled report that planes were flying over a coastal town there.

Nazi strategy appeared to be aimed at blasting the coast from Dover to Portsmouth, rendering the channel waters untenable for defense by the powerful British home fleet and paving the way for a possible troop crossing of the narrow channel.

Berlin reported that Marshal Goering's air forces broke through defenses of British pursuit planes and anti-aircraft fire to bomb Portsmouth, base of the British home fleet, and destroy planes on runways and hangars at an airport there.

Barefoot Bomber Unable To Escape
 London, Aug. 13.—(P)—Railwayman who helped a German pilot out of a plane shot down in a stubble field in southeast England took a novel means to prevent his escape.

They took off his shoes and socks. Bare-footed, the pilot didn't budge.

"Ironsides" Ready to Meet Invaders



Parking lots have replaced picket lines for horses for mechanized cavalry "somewhere in England." Soldiers are shown here getting into a group of new armored cars with which a famous cavalry regiment has been equipped for the defense of Britain. The new "Ironsides," as they are dubbed, can travel at high speeds over rough terrain.

ITALY TO CLAIM SLICE OF GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA

Rome, Aug. 13.—(P)—Authoritative Italian circles indicated tonight that Italy would claim slices of both Greek and Yugoslav territory sooner or later as a "general settlement."

Virginia Gayda, authoritative fascist editor and often Mussolini's mouthpiece said the Italian government expected Greece to "answer for its new crimes."

Gayda declared Italy could not tolerate Greece's "acts against the independence of Albania" and accused Greece of designs on Albania.

With the Italian-Greek tension mounting, friction between Italy and Yugoslavia was reported by the press.

Rome, Aug. 13.—(P)—Italian troops in British Somaliland are fighting the main British forces fiercely in an attempt to reach the seaport of Berbera after occupying Adaleh, about 50 miles to the south, the high command reported today.

The battle is continuing in the Adaleh zone following two days of sharp fighting in which one British plane was shot down and the Italians lost one plane, a communique said.

Italian fliers were reported to have resumed bombardments of the British Mediterranean base at Malta yesterday, setting fire to oil storage tanks.

U. S. SETS LIMIT ON PLANE SALE

Washington, Aug. 13.—(P)—Arthur B. Purvis, chief British purchasing agent, disclosed today that the United States had offered to supply the British with between 1,300 and 1,400 of the 3,000 fighting planes monthly they had requested.

Delivery of the planes, however, would not start before "late 1941," he added.

Purvis said this smaller program had been suggested by William S. Knudsen of the defense commission.

The British wanted the larger number starting next January, but Knudsen suggested that they plan on a smaller number beginning "late in 1941."

Germans Behad Amsterhad Spys
 Berlin, Aug. 13.—(P)—Germany's guillotine today took the life of the 25th person sentenced to death so far in 1940 for treason. He was Myndert Meeuwissen, 30, of Amsterdam, convicted May 23 of betraying military secrets to an unnamed foreign power.

Landon Tells Willkie Kansas Swinging Toward His Corner

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 13.—(P)—Alf M. Landon, 1936 Republican nominee, told Wendell L. Willkie today that sentiment was swinging to him in Kansas and that he would carry the state in November.

Landon, who drove here from Denver for a political conference with Willkie, asserted that the latter "did a good job" in his recent farm conference in Des Moines, the conference tended to increase Willkie's strength in corn belt states, Landon added.

In Missouri, the former Kansas governor asserted, factional differences among Democrats were rebounding to the benefit of Republicans.

Demands Fund Return
 Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 13.—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie demanded today that the Democratic party return to corporations immediately all funds collected for the sale of advertising in Democratic campaign books.

The Republican presidential nominee agreed with Alf M. Landon, who attended the nominee's press conference, that "it is the policy of the administration to see how many fraudulent votes can be cast by machines in Chicago, Jersey City, N. J., and the Bronx."

Asserting that even Chairman Edward J. Flynn of the Democratic national committee should "understand that there is a limit to political ruthlessness," Wendell L. Willkie said today:

"I am gratified to learn that Attorney General Robert Jackson and Senator Hatch (D., N. M.) have joined in my campaign to prevent the Democratic national committee from practicing both the corrupt practices and the Hatch act by the sale of Democratic campaign books."

"The corporate advertisements in these campaign books were in many instances obtained from the corporations because such corporations either hoped to escape punishment from the federal government or receive reward from it."

"It is a step forward that this method of raising campaign funds has been eliminated. Even Boss Flynn (Edward J. Flynn, new Democratic chairman) certainly ought to now understand that there is a limit to political ruthlessness."

Russia Supports Bulgarian Action
 Moscow, Aug. 13.—(P)—The official Soviet press asserted today Bulgaria's territorial demands upon Rumania have the support of Soviet Russia.

"The Soviet Union always has taken a position of supporting Bulgarian demands upon Rumania," declared a statement appearing in both the government newspaper Izhvestia and in Pravda, the communist party organ.

The statement said the Bulgarian claims are "just and well-founded."

Official Apology To English Comedienne
 Hollywood, Aug. 13.—(P)—Gracie Fields, English comedienne, and her husband, Monty Banks, have received an apology from the British parliament for accusations recently voiced there that the couple had taken large amounts of cash from England when they came to the United States.

CUDAHY CLAIMS LONDON PAPERS TWISTED WORDS

Statements Distorted So Much Couldn't Even Recognize Them Says Envoy

New York, Aug. 13.—(P)—John Cudahy, United States ambassador to Belgium, who was reprimanded for giving an interview in London on the Belgian situation, said today that "all the London papers except one, the London Times, distorted my statements so much that I couldn't even recognize them."

Cudahy returned on the Dixie Clipper from Horta, under instructions, he said, "not to talk at this time."

At the airport he called the state department and also put in a telephone call for Miss Marguerite Le Hand, President Roosevelt's secretary.

Shocked by Reports.
 He told reporters he was "violently shocked" when he saw some of the London reports of the interview.

"I am absolutely puzzled by my position," he said. Asked whether he had resigned yet, he said, "I haven't resigned yet. I am going to issue a full statement later."

"I am like an officer in the army who is called before his general and cannot talk before he gets there. It would not be compatible with my situation as a subordinate."

He had given the best of his efforts and time "and I have at times been in danger." "I have no fear of the opinions of my friends. The others, I don't care about."

Asked if he had criticized the American army, he replied, "I was a member of the U. S. army in North Russia, and if I criticized the United States army I would be criticizing my own army. I am being questioned about an outrageous statement."

W.C.T.U. RETAINS VETERAN LEADERS

Chicago, Aug. 13.—(P)—Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith of Evans-ton, Ill., was re-elected president of the national Women's Christian Temperance Union for the seventh consecutive time today.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of New York, vice-president, also was re-elected for the seventh time by delegates to the W.C.T.U. 66th annual convention. Both choices were unanimous.

No News Today
 Washington, Aug. 13.—(P)—President Roosevelt cancelled his customary Tuesday press conference today, the White House explaining he had no news to give since he had held several press conferences in the last few days on a tour of New England defense projects.

French in Midst of Plenty Hungry Account Gas Lacking

By Ralph Heinzen (UP Staff Correspondent)
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BASEBALL

National.
 Brooklyn, Aug. 13.—(P)—The Brooklyn Dodgers-Philadelphia Phillies game was postponed by rain today, with the Dodgers ahead 3-0. The game will be replayed tomorrow as part of a doubleheader.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	8	1
Boston	4	9	1
Lohrman, Joiner, Brown and Danning; Tobin, Masi, Berres.			
St. Louis	5	12	0
Chicago	1	7	0
Shoun and Owen; French, Root, Raffensberger and Todd.			

(10 innings)	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	4	8	2
Pittsburgh	3	10	1
Thompson, Shoffner, Beggs and Lombardi, Baker; Bowman, Lanning, Heintzelman and Davis, Lopez.			

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That was the way he appraised the defense program in a chat with reporters at the end of an inspection of defense projects from a corner of Maine to New London, Conn.

The inspection tour ended last night at New London, with signs pointing to his starting another before the week closes—to the maneuvers of the first army in upstate New York.

The trip had supplied him with evidence in New England, he said, of the speeding up of the intricate processes of turning dollars into guns, warships, submarines and torpedoes. It showed him, too, expanding facilities for training recruits to man and operate the finished war equipment.

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