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Temperature

Highest Yesterday 89

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LONDON AREA BOMBED BY NAZIS IN LARGEST AIR ATTACK OF WAR

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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Washington, Aug. 15.—The congressional leadership expects the onslaught against England to give them easy work in passing the remaining measures of the defense program, such as the conscription bill. It is a grim thing to say, yet it is a fact, and the fact is not without significance.

The question naturally arises, since every informed person has been expecting the onslaught on England for many weeks, why its coming should make it any easier to pass defense measures prepared in anticipation of it. The answer lies, of course, in congress' peculiar rhythm of response to events abroad.

A large majority of members publicly or privately approve the type of foreign policy advocated by the President and Wendell L. Willkie. A great many of them, however, are not quite clear in their opinions and are afraid of the isolationist groups in their districts. Thus, when events reach a climax, as during the battle of France, congress is ready to act rapidly and forcefully. At that time, before the French collapse changed the feeling overnight, informal tests by the leaders even indicated that sentiment was growing fast for outright repeal of the neutrality act.

In the lull between climaxes, on the other hand, a kind of wishful hopefulness appears that

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GEARY WILL FACE HEARING FRIDAY

Preliminary hearing of Ben Geary, Trail creek district resident charged in a complaint with threatening a commission of a felony, will be held in justice court tomorrow afternoon. Geary, held in the county jail in lieu of \$2,500 bonds, has retained Attorney George M. Roberts as counsel.

The complaint alleges Geary appeared at the home of John Warner on Trail creek last Sunday night and threatened to shoot Warner. Geary's estranged wife is housekeeper for Warner. During the course of the argument, according to Deputy Sheriff William Grenbomer, the arresting officer, Mrs. Geary took action that resulted in Geary departing hurriedly in his auto.

Previous to calling at the Warner home, Geary is charged by his mother-in-law, Florence Godfrey, in two complaints, with disorderly conduct, upon the grounds he verbally abused Mrs. Godfrey and allegedly said: "I'll shoot that John Warner on sight."

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Tommy Hawkins looking particularly fetching in a salmon-colored striped shirt with a cowboy vest of rainbow hues.

Marie Woodward thinking little Kenny Kumasawa just about the cutest baby ever.

Bob Ebel writing an informative letter in a Mainliner, mailing same to a friend but forgetting to put postage thereon, said friend having to shell out six cents in postage and write to Portland to redeem said letter, said letter finally being received five days later.

CROYDON AIRPORT AMONG TARGETS IN VAST ASSAULT

Royal Air Force in Heroic Defense—Tyneside Shipbuilding Area Gets Bombs

London, Aug. 15.—(AP)—German dive bombers raided Croydon airdrome late today. Ambulances and fire fighting apparatus rushed to the scene of the bombing and an eyewitness told the Associated Press there were several casualties in the streets.

By the Associated Press

London, Aug. 15.—A thousand Nazi warplanes—perhaps even thousands—loosed upon Britain today the mightiest aerial offensive ever known, and tonight German bombs fell in south London at the great Croydon airdrome.

(Germany reported as well that her planes had fought the British over London's Tilbury docks.)

They struck in Scotland; they struck in vital munitions areas of northeast England; they smashed at the long southern coast all the way from the Thames estuary—leading to London—to Lands End, the far western frontier of these islands.

Great Test at Hand

It was an attack of such incredible fury as to make the ceaseless assaults of three days seem but mere preliminaries.

Every indication was that the hour of the great test had come at last.

The Royal Air Force, defending this kingdom from such a blow as never was struck before, loosed every turreted gun in its fighter force and crippled air-planes fell steadily on English soil.

The air ministry declared that up to 5 p. m. 55 German planes were known to have been shot down, against an acknowledged British loss of seven.

The German strategy was simple: While German fighters took on the British Hurricane and Spitfire patrols miles above the ground—from 12,000 to 15,000 feet up—the Nazi bombers snaked across the coast in close formation.

Tyneside Bombed

The objectives of this unprecedented raid were everything that Britain has and must have to keep on fighting: Shipping, ports, munitions and industrial plants, and, above all, airports.

Known to have been bombed was the great Tyneside industrial and shipbuilding area on the east coast near Newcastle.

Not alone the coasts were hit, but the heart of the country as well. None knew how long was the list of the civilian dead.

(The Germans specifically reported certain of their objectives. Bombed, they said, were the great Vickers Armstrong armament works at Hepburn; the port of Newcastle; Dover; other ports, and shipping convoys in the channel.)

One Associated Press correspondent on the southeast coast—but one of the areas of heavy action—counted six waves of 18 heavy German bombers in less than three minutes.

No less than 500 Nazi planes appeared over the southeast coast alone.

PRESIDENT TO VIEW MILITARY MANEUVERS

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will leave Washington tomorrow for northern New York to observe the maneuvers of the first army under Lieutenant General Drum.

The White House announced the president would spend Saturday inspecting the military units assembled there and probably would remain Sunday to attend religious services in the field.

Air Box Score

Berlin, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Thirty-six British planes had been destroyed this afternoon in today's German air forays on Britain, DNB, the official German news agency, reported tonight. Thirty were shot down in battle and six destroyed on the ground, while four German planes are missing, the agency said.

London, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A total of 91 German planes were shot down in today's assaults on Britain, the air ministry announced tonight. Nineteen British fighters were downed, but five of their pilots were safe.

DRAFT BILL TIEUP WITH ROAD PLAN LATEST PROPOSAL

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Senator Downey (D-Cal.) proposed today that the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military service bill include provision for construction of a national system of super-highways to furnish jobs for conscripts completing army training.

Such an undertaking, Downey told the senate, would "eliminate" unemployment and would solve one of the chief problems likely to follow conscription.

Most conscripts would be taken from the ranks of the unemployed, the Californian argued. He said they should not be turned out of training camps without jobs.

Downey opened the fifth day of senate debate on the legislation. To reporters he had said that he had not decided how he would vote on it finally, although he planned to support a compromise measure by Senator Maloney (D-Conn.) which would delay conscription until January 1 at least.

Downey's highway amendment would authorize the president to begin construction of super-highways with money furnished by the reconstruction finance corporation. Draftees who had completed a year's training would be given preference in employment on the roads.

Tacoma, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dave Beck of Seattle, international representative of the Teamsters' union, addressing a meeting of Tacoma Teamsters here last night announced he is supporting Gov. Clarence D. Martin for re-election.

Incoming Air Armadas Seen By Correspondents on Coast

By Robert E. Bunnells

On the Southeast Coast of England, Aug. 15.—(AP)—German planes sent uncounted hundreds of bombing and fighting planes over the coastline of Britain today, seeking out military objectives in the heart of the country.

I had my field glasses trained on him when a shell struck the plane fairly amidships. The plane bounded almost 100 feet, broke in two, then plunged into the sea. A column of water at least 100 yards high shot up.

This was just outside my window, so close that machine gun bullets and spent fragments of jagged shrapnel were embedded in the walls outside.

Two of the barrage balloons protecting the coast came down in flames.

I saw a German plane throw a three-second burst of machine gun bullets into one of the bags. The balloon fell in five flaming parts and finally crashed behind a headland, leaving a tall column of heavy black smoke.

At this moment the roar of motors can be heard high in the sky. They sound like heavy German bombers on their way home.

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This morning I saw three German planes shot down.

This afternoon a direct hit from an anti-aircraft gun literally blasted a fourth Messerschmitt out of the sky.

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GREEK CRUISER TORPEDOED, SUNK IN HOME HARBOR

Submarine Stalks Ship in Port of Tinos—Peace of Balkans May Be Affected

By Ben Ames

U. P. Staff Correspondent

Athens, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Greek navy's personnel was ordered to report to ships immediately tonight following the torpedoing and sinking of the minelaying cruiser Helle, 2,115 tons, as it lay flag-decked at anchor off the port of Tinos this morning.

Motorcycle couriers raced through Athens streets recalling navy men on leave as the government maintained silence regarding torpedoing of the ship by an unidentified submarine.

Although there was no official speculation as to the identity of the submarine, diplomats noted increasing tension between Italy and Greece and reports spread that Italy was about to make territorial demands on Greece in behalf of herself and Albania.

Two Torpedoes Miss

The submarine, which fired while submerged off the Aegean harbor of Tinos, sent one torpedo crashing into the Helle, killing one and wounding 29, while two torpedoes missed the ship and exploded against a quay packed with pilgrims, many of them children, celebrating the festival of the Assumption, for which the destroyed ship had been decorated.

The sinking of the Helle was regarded as an incident which might affect the peace of the Balkans, already at a crisis because of Italian charges that Greece had instigated the slaying of an Albanian patriot.

WALLACE RESIGNS AGRICULTURE POST

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, handed President Roosevelt his letter of resignation from the cabinet today during the course of an hour luncheon conference.

The secretary said the letter would be made public by the president later.

Historic Conscription Debate Is Waged In Senate



The seldom photographed United States senate is shown in action during debate on the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill. When picture was made Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) (white arrow) had the floor as he talked against the measure. Presiding was Sen. Key Pittman (D-Nev.) (on rostrum, extreme right) during absence from Washington of Vice President Garner. In front of Pittman are executive clerks and on steps of rostrum are page boys. Front row (left to right): Senators W. F. Austin (R-Vt.); Frederick Hale (R-Me.); R. A. Taft (R-Ohio); W. H. White (R-Me.); Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.); Majority Leader Allen W. Barkley (D-Ky.); (next man is court reporter); W. F. George (D-Ga.); L. J. Frazier (R-ND); Frederick van Nuys (D-Ind.). Second row (left to right): Morris Sheppard (D-Tex.); Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.); B. C. Clark (D-Mo.); P. G. Gerry (D-Ill.); M. M. Neely (D-W. Va.); Josh Lee (D-Okla.); A. J. Ellender (D-La.); W. J. Bulow (D-SD). Third row (left to right): Henry F. Ashurst (standing, D-Ariz.); Tom Connally (D-Tex.); Prentiss Brown (hand to head, D-Mich.); J. H. Overton (D-La.); (next man is Overton's clerk); E. D. Thomas (D-Utah). Last row (left to right): Vic Donahey (D-Ohio); Edward R. Burke (D-Neb.), co-author of the bill; Joseph Guffey (far right, D-Pa.); Tom Stewart (extreme right, D-Tenn.). Seated along wall at rear are members of the house of representatives and clerks.

House Approves Guard Call

REFUSE TO LIMIT SERVICE TO U. S. AND POSSESSIONS

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Legislation authorizing President Roosevelt to order 396,000 national guardsmen and organized army reservists into active service was passed today by the house.

The vote was 342 to 33.

The bill, which would permit use of the reserves and guard in the western hemisphere, American possessions or Philippine islands, now goes back to the senate for consideration of house amendments.

Passage came after the members had defeated, 210 to 110, an amendment by Rep. Miller (R-Conn.) to limit use of the reservists to the continental United States and its island possessions, the Philippine islands, the Panama Canal Zone, and Alaska.

The measure would empower the president, until June 30, 1942, to call up for a one-year training period 227,800 national guardsmen, 116,000 reserve officers, 38,000 enlisted reserves, 3,700 retired officers and 12,000 retired enlisted men.

Guardsmen with dependents would be permitted to resign within 29 days after they were ordered to active duty or to receive such allowance for dependents "as may be prescribed by the president."

Churchill Accused of Lying During Parliamentary Squall

London, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, warning commons that the danger of invasion to Britain has not passed, today met the severest parliamentary squall of his premiership over his anti-fifth column drive.

The fight centered on Churchill's refusal to give the house detailed information on the activities of a co-ordinating agency against fifth column activity which is headed by Lord Swinton.

Before the row was over Churchill had been accused by one member of "lying and innuendo" and a laborite member had been challenged to a fight by a fellow party member.

Churchill declined to answer detailed questions about the Swinton agency on grounds it would prejudice the nation's defense.

He heatedly told one critic, Austin Hopkinson, independent, that he had obstructed Churchill's pre-war defense efforts.

FIRE IN THEATER RUINS COSTUMES; SHOW WILL GO ON

Last night ravaged storage rooms and costume departments in the civic Elizabethan theater in Ashland, destroying the majority of costumes for male players and caused extensive smoke damage to the remainder of the raiment. Despite the severe loss, production heads definitely declared this morning that "the show will go on," and are making preparations to garb players in all available makeshift attire for tonight's show.

The blaze was discovered around 12 o'clock last night by two small boys who were passing through the park and saw the flare through an open window. They immediately called the fire department which extinguished the blaze before it could spread to the front of the stage.

\$2,000 Damage.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$2,000. The blaze started in the men's dressing room on the west side of the rear stage. Investigators this morning declared that either a smouldering, forgotten cigarette or a short in the wiring could be responsible. William David

BASEBALL

National League			
New York	1	6 3	
Boston	12	18 2	
Melton, Dean, Joiner and Danning, Odes, Posedel, Sullivan and Berres, Mast.			
Philadelphia	4	9 0	
Brooklyn	2	5 4	
Higbe and Warren; Wyatt, Grissom and Phelps.			
Cincinnati	0	5 0	
Chicago	1	5 0	
Derringer and Lombardi; Passau and Todd.			
American.			
First game:	R.	H.	E.
Washington	9	15	0
Philadelphia	4	14	2
Hudson and Ferrell; Caster and Wagner.			
Boston	11	14	2
New York	1	3	2
Heving and Fox; Bonham, Hadley, Breuer, Murphy and Dickey.			
Chicago	4	10	1
Cleveland	5	15	1
Lee and Tresh; Milnar, Allen and Hensley.			

WILLKIE TAKES PLANE FOR INDIANA HOME TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential nominee, departed by chartered airplane at 1:24 p. m. (MST) today for Indiana where he will make his acceptance address at Elmhurst Saturday.

Willkie arranged to address a crowd at the Kansas City airport (about 2:35 p. m. PST) during a brief stop. His chartered plane was scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis at about 6 p. m. (PST) tonight, and he then will motor to Rushville, Ind., the home town of Mrs. Willkie.

The acceptance address which Willkie will deliver Saturday at his own home town, probably will cover the general range of campaign issues, as well as conscription. He gave the address a last minute going over yesterday and sent it to the printer.

On the eve of his departure from his vacation hotel, Willkie renewed his demand that the Democratic national committee return funds paid for advertising in party campaign books and suggested creation of "an impartial board" to enforce election laws.

STAGES TO OPERATE ON WILLAMETTE ROUTE

Salem, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Pacific Greyhound stages received permission from Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean today to operate over the new Willamette highway between Goshen and Klamath Falls. The service will reduce the distance between Portland and Klamath Falls by 38 miles.

LITTLE BOY DROWNS IN IRRIGATION DITCH

Grants Pass, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Lee Krottinger, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Krottinger of the Allen Creek road, drowned today in an irrigation ditch Elmer Purvis, 11, one of five boys asked by Mrs. Krottinger to search for the missing child, tried unsuccessfully to revive him while a call was sent for the city's rescuer.

WINDSORS SET SAIL FOR BAHAMA HOME

Hamilton, Bermuda, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor sailed away from Bermuda today on the last leg of their journey to the Bahamas.

The Duke arrived here a week ago with his American-born Duchess enroute to Nassau to take over his post as governor of the Bahamas. They crossed the Atlantic from Lisbon, Portugal, aboard the U. S. liner Excalibur.