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WILLKIE DARES FR. TO DEBATE ISSUES

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 17.—If a fundamental issue and personal ill-feeling were not involved, the dispute over the justice department's anti-trust suits against the major oil companies would be a most amusing story. Surprisingly enough, the dispute pits the very voluble and tough-talking assistant attorney general Thurman Arnold against the equally voluble and tough-talking defense commissioner Leon Henderson, even though each has a reputation as a trust-buster.

The war changed many things in government, including the administration's habit of a weekly crack-down on business, and this change produced the Arnold-Henderson feud. How the feud developed has significance. It resulted in a temporary disagreement between Arnold and his boss, Attorney General Robert H. Jackson. It brought some ridiculous charges. And most important, before the problem is settled finally, the president will probably have to decide a fundamental issue of the national defense program.

THE story is fairly simple, and the conflict almost inevitable. It dates back several weeks when Arnold was ready to file his suits against the oil companies. He had spent many months preparing his cases, and hoped to force divestiture of pipe line ownership from marketing facilities and to stop alleged price-fixing.

Arnold made no secret of his intentions, and practically every one in the business knew that the time was near when the oil companies would be hauled into court once more.

As Arnold was finishing up his work, William S. Knudsen and Edward Stettinius and the rest of the defense commission began to negotiate with the same oil companies. The commission wanted the companies to spend around \$500,000,000 to construct new plants to manufacture synthetic rubber, and to build new pipe lines and other facilities.

ARNOLD intended to file the suits on July 29, but on July 28 the matter came up at a defense commission meeting. How the defense commission came to be consulted is a matter of dispute, but the official version is that Arnold suggested it, in accordance with a previously agreed procedure.

In any event, he and his assistants talked the matter over with Blackwell Smith, a former N.R.A. lawyer, now with the defense commission. Because he is a corporation lawyer with strong views on the justice department's trust-busting program, Smith was careful not to express an opinion to his employers.

Knudsen and Stettinius having just come to government from the biggest of all businesses, were equally reluctant, but they did give their view that the prosecutions came at a bad "psychological time." However, they made no recommendations at the meeting of the full commission.

The person who spoke most vigorously and emphatically was Henderson, who is one of the most active members of the

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Jobless Law Hearing.
Portland, Aug. 17.—(P)—An interim committee named by Governor Sprague will consider proposals for changes in the workman's compensation act at a public hearing here Monday.

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GOP. NOMINEE IN ACCEPTANCE TALK BLASTS NEW DEAL

Foreign Policy of Roosevelt 'Courts War' Vast Through Told—Outlines Own Program.

By William B. Ardery
Elwood, Ind., Aug. 17.—(P)—Formally accepting the Republican presidential nomination before a wildly cheering crowd in a circus-day setting, Wendell L. Willkie proposed in "dead earnest" today that President Roosevelt meet him in a series of public debates on major campaign issues.

A sweltering crowd, estimated by Police Chief Mike Morrissey of Indianapolis at 150,000 and by Homer Capehart, general chairman, at 250,000, packed Callaway park—once a cow pasture in which Willkie played as a boy—for the ceremonies and interrupted the perspiring nominee repeatedly with shouts, whistles and handclapping.

He criticized the administration's foreign policy and asserted that the president "has courted a war for which the country is hopelessly unprepared—and which it emphatically does not want."

His listeners, many of whom had slept in Callaway park overnight in order to obtain choice seats, were scattered through clumps of trees. But the burning Indiana sun brought perspiration to every brow.

Willkie made it plain he believes that the United States is "not isolated from those suffering people of Europe."

"No man can guarantee peace," he continued. "Peace is not something that a nation can achieve by itself. It also depends upon what some other country does."

"Useless Attacks"
Although saying that "the president's attacks on foreign powers have been useless and dangerous," Willkie added that "I trust I will make it plain that I do not believe in the defense of our American liberties, I should not hesitate to stand for war."

"But, like a great many other Americans, I saw war at first hand in 1917. I know what war can do to demoralize civil liberties at home. And I believe it to be the first duty of a president to try to maintain peace."

Willkie came to Callaway park after a hot trip from Rushville, Ind., the home town of Mrs. Willkie.

He was greeted by cheering throngs as he drove through the streets of Elwood. A crowd shouted with glee as he stood on the steps of his old high school—under an inscription reading "the hope of our country"—and said, "there'll be a hot time in the old town tonight."

Formally Notified
Willkie received formal notification of his nomination from Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, chairman of the republican national committee. Martin said the Indianan's nomination had been dictated by the people, not by a clique of politicians.

In his debate challenge to the president, Willkie proposed that during the next two and a half months, the president and I appear together on public platforms in various parts of the country, to debate the fundamental issues of this campaign.

"These are the problems of our great domestic economy as well as of our national defense—the problems of agriculture, of labor, of industry, of finance, of the government's relationship to the people and of our preparations to guard against assault."

Willkie told his audience that the president had encouraged European powers to hope for more American help than this country could give. But, the nominee added, an honest appraisal of our relationship with Great Britain would bring an admission "that the loss of the British fleet would greatly weaken our defense," and would be "a calamity for us."

Where British, Germans Struck



Shaded areas show how British fliers pounded the German-held French coast in the Calais-LeHavre region and German bombers struck back at southern and northeastern England.

ITALIANS CLAIM PORTLAND HOMES SOMALILAND WON, THREATEN GREECE

By the Associated Press
Rome, Aug. 17.—The battle for British Somaliland has been won, the Italian high command claimed tonight, as fascist spokesmen warned pro-British Greece that she must now recognize Italian demands "or suffer the consequences."

The fighting in Somaliland—a British protectorate along the Gulf of Aden which joins the fascist east African empire—was declared substantially over. A military communique announced that the defenders had been encircled, both of their wings driven in, and had abandoned to a lost battlefield "hundreds" of Rhodesian and native Indian dead.

Many prisoners were taken, the communique added, as well as great stores of war materials and food, and British warships anchored in the port of Berbera, Somaliland, were "badly" damaged by aerial attack.

The main ground fighting, which had raged for five days, was at Jerato Pass, in the vicinity of Adaddeh, some 35 miles from Berbera, the capital and chief port, and the high command reported fascist troops were "inflexibly" continuing the march on that key town, to which it was said the defenders had retreated.

It was acknowledged that the British had bombed the Italian aviation camp at Bassa and it was said, too, that they had raided houses in Jijiga—"with-out any results."

LEWIS CONDEMNS CONSCRIPT ARMY

Portland, Aug. 17.—(P)—President John L. Lewis of the Committee of Industrial Organizations expressed labor's opposition to conscription in a brief interview given here between Lewis and the president.

Lewis, en route from Seattle to Washington, D. C., said "our national institutions cannot be successfully defended by an army of conscripts—that is not the force we need to protect our liberties."

"All professional army men favor conscription," he added. "That isn't true of the citizens who have to pay the price. What the professional soldiers want is to establish bigger armies which would give them power and which would make promotions come quicker."

Local Couple to Reno

Reno, Nev., Aug. 17.—(P)—A marriage license was issued here today to Floyd V. Palmer, 32, and Anne Kantor, 36, both of Medford, Ore.

GERMAN WARBLINDS RESUME ATTACKS AFTER DAY'S LULL

Mystery Lay-Off Brings British Counter Attack in France, Africa.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 18.—(Sunday)—German warbirds, as if roused from their roost by British attacks on France, bombed southwest England early today and roared over the Midlands, following a mysterious all-day "holiday" Saturday.

The royal air force, capitalizing of this interim, visited the German positions on the French coast late last night and staged a brilliant fireworks show of their own.

Rumbling explosions reverberated across the channel, and watchers on England's bombed-shore saw the sheet-lightning of bomb bursts on the continent, along with the flare of Nazi "flaming onion" aircraft projectiles and the raucous thrusts of searchlights.

The Germans, who had laid off Britain from dawn to past dark Saturday, sent a few planes over late last night, and returned to the attack on an undisturbed scale today.

There was no explanation why the Nazis sent over only scouting planes during the daylight Saturday after six consecutive days of heavy attack which continued up to dawn Saturday.

But the British navy and air force joined in counter-blows against their axis enemies on both Africa and Europe.

Eleven Italian planes were shot down Saturday, the admiral said, when they attempted to bombard the port of the Libyan coast by British planes and warships.

DAY OF DAYS FOR WIFE OF NOMINEE

Elwood, Ind., Aug. 17.—(P)—Her face flushed from the heat her white sandals shiny, but her large blue eyes shining with pride, Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie put this day—Saturday, August 17—down as one she will always remember.

From a vantage point on the platform she watched her husband be notified that he was the republican presidential nominee. She rode beside him, sitting on the top of the back seat of an open automobile, in a parade through his native town.

BIG CROWD SEES ROUND-UP OPENER

The Medford Round-up Days held at the fairgrounds last night drew a crowd estimated by Vern Shangle at 2,500 that completely filled the grandstand, and added bleachers. The performance will be repeated today starting at two o'clock.

Practically every section of southern Oregon and Jackson county was represented in the downtown parade that preceded the evening show. The Sheriff's Posse of Klamath County, a similar organization of this county, headed by Sheriff Syd I. Brown, and the Ashland Trail Riders, and cowboys from the Applegate, Chiloquin and other sections participated. It was the largest display of horsemanship in this city in years, and witnessed by a large street crowd.

HANDSOME ACTOR DENIES HE'S 'RED'

Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—(P)—Frederic March, handsome film actor, sharply denied communist affiliation today before the congressional committee investigating un-American activities.

March snapped: "If John L. Leach (former communist party member who has been testifying before the committee and a local grand jury regarding Red activities) has said I am a communist or have communist sympathies, he's an unmitigated liar."

The actor, who was accompanied by his wife, added, "I am an American and my sympathies are wholly American."

CANADA PREMIER, PRESIDENT HOLD DEFENSE PARLEY

Course of Action Discussed at Border Meeting—Statement Due Today.

Odgersburg, N. Y., Aug. 17.—(P)—The President of the United States and the prime minister of Canada, isolated behind the drawn blinds of a private railway car, talked over tonight a specific course of Canadian-American action for defense of the western hemisphere.

It was a conference which President Roosevelt had admitted in advance might result in stronger ties with the dominion than ever before.

It coincided, furthermore, with a clear-cut indication from the chief executive of continued American adherence to the policy of coming to the aid of the dominion against any attack from overseas.

W. L. Mackenzie King, the prime minister, motored down from Ottawa with Jay Pierrepont Moffat, American minister to Canada, and began his parley with Mr. Roosevelt within a stone's throw of the unfortified border.

They dined alone and then the President's train was moved from Odgersburg to the nearby, quiet village of Neuvetort.

At a press conference preceding the conference with Mackenzie King, Mr. Roosevelt was asked whether the prospects of stronger ties with Canada meant that "we'll defend Canada." He referred to a statement made two years ago to the day, that the United States would not stand idly by if the dominion were threatened and said his words still were good today.

The conference tonight was pitched on an informal plane, in contrast with customary diplomatic protocol. But it was in keeping with the fact that the participants have been close personal friends for years.

There was to be no additional news on the meeting tonight, Mr. Roosevelt let reporters know, but he said he might have something to say about it tomorrow.

ANOTHER HITLER SURPRISE READY

By Louis P. Lechner,
With the German Army on the French Coast, Aug. 17.—(P)—What I saw in three days with German troops on this coastline opposite Odgersburg indicates Adolf Hitler has another surprise ready.

On the surface there is little that meets the eye to suggest the imminence of an attempt to invade England.

But what I saw was more than enough to convince me that Hitler, if and when der tag comes, will once again surprise the world.

And it is all being done so methodically and with such precision that he can set the zero hour as he chooses, irrespective of wind and weather and season.

UPSTATE SIZZLES IN RECORD HEAT

Salem, Ore., Aug. 17.—(P)—Sunstroke, an almost unknown ailment in the Willamette valley, was suffered by Carl L. Donovan, 26, of the Salem vicinity today as the official temperature rose to 102 degrees, highest of the year. Donovan was brought to a Salem hospital.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.—(P)—The temperature soared to 99 degrees here today, setting a new record for the year. Previous high was June 11, when the mercury reached 97.

The official temperature here yesterday was 99 degrees.

Britain Defiant

London, Aug. 17.—(P)—Minister of Information Alfred Duff Cooper broadcast a dare to Adolf Hitler tonight to carry out his threat to invade Britain.

"We are quite ready to receive him now and we shall really be very disappointed if he does not turn up," Duff Cooper declared.

SEA BLOCKADE OF NAZIS IMPERILS AMERICAN VESSEL

Liable to Bombing Attack Berlin Reports, if Present Course Followed.

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, Aug. 17.—The German government washed its hands of responsibility tonight for the safety of the U. S. ship American Legion, carrying American home from Petsamo, Finland.

It said the United States government had declined to heed a German warning to keep the American Legion out of British waters mined today under a new, formally proclaimed total blockade of the sea around Britain.

Conceivably, under the Germans' own announced terms for the blockade, the American Legion might be subject to a bombing attack as soon as she appeared in British waters.

The blockade communique said specifically that "airplanes will attack every ship" and that "every ship which sails in this area in the future exposes itself to the danger of destruction."

Before the blockade was proclaimed, however, the government had said that as an army ship of a neutral, the American Legion would not be molested by Germany.

If the ship, with nearly 900 American refugees from Europe aboard, pursues its outlined course—between the British island of Rona and Cape Wrath—it will do so at its own risk, Germany advised the United States orally through the U. S. embassy here.

The American Legion sailed from Petsamo Friday night.

The announced course of the American Legion, a U. S. army transport on the special refugee repatriation mission, will take it close off the northwest coast of Scotland.

The course from Petsamo, on Finland's arctic shore, to Cape Wrath is about 1,700 miles, more than two days' steaming time.

This, it was pointed out, leaves time for the United States to re-instruct the master and advise the various governments of a proposed new course.

The American embassy here declined any comment as to what might be done.

FAIR AND COOLER WEATHER COMING

Northern California: Fair Sunday, with local fogs on coast night and morning; normal temperature; gentle variable wind off coast, but moderate northerly west above Cape Mendocino.

Oregon: Fair Sunday, with local fogs on coast; warmer in southwest and northeast portion tonight; moderate northerly wind off coast.

Outlook for the far western states for August 17 to 21, inclusively.

The temperature will be near normal over the entire district, with the trend slightly lower than at present. The weather will be dry generally, save for a tendency to light shower activity after the 18th and the Oregon-Washington coast and over the mountains of western Washington, western Oregon and extreme northwestern California. Considerable cloud and fog will prevail on the immediate California coast.

RANGERS RESCUE CALIFORNIA BOYS TRAPPED ON PEAK

Crater Lake Scene of Heroic Efforts — Three Youths Spend Night Near Death

In one of the most heroic rescues ever consummated, three southern California youths were saved yesterday after they had spent the night on ledges of the steep wall of Crater lake.

Trapped on the ledges Friday afternoon, they had been unable to move either up or down. Park rangers risked their lives in saving the youths. Park Superintendent E. P. Leavitt said that it was the greatest and most thrilling rescue he had witnessed in the 30 years he has been in the national park service.

Hundreds of park visitors lined the rim at the top of the lake wall and watched the daring rescue throughout the day.

The three youths were Norman C. Goeckel and Bill Weideman, of Los Angeles, and George F. Gubser, of Glendale. All were 17 years old.

Aside from being somewhat exhausted from hunger and their harrowing experience, the boys appeared to be all right last night, Mr. Leavitt reported. They were camping in one of the rim campgrounds.

The three boys went to the top of Garfield peak Friday afternoon. From the peak they looked down the precipitous lake wall and decided it would be easy to descend over the face of the cliff to the water's edge a thousand feet below, though park visitors are warned not to attempt such a venture but to use the trail down to the lake.

Hazardous as the descent was, the boys somehow managed to get to the bottom safely.

When they got to the bottom, however, they realized how hazardous the descent had been and how even more dangerous it would be to try to climb back up. So they attempted to reach the boat landing, two miles distant.

Despairing of reaching the landing and in a desperate effort to extricate themselves from their dangerous position, the youths started to make the climb up over the steep and ragged face of the mountain. Gubser got about half way up when he got stuck. Goeckel and Weideman got about a third of the way up when they found themselves on a ledge from which they could move neither up nor down.

The boys began to yell for help. At 8 p. m. Friday, their cries were heard by guests at the lodge. Park headquarters were notified and the entire park staff, under the direction of Chief Ranger J. Carlisle Crouch, swung into rescue action. The rangers and other park employees were out all night and all day yesterday.

During Friday night Ranger Otto Fois got up as close as he could to the lower boys before darkness made it hazardous for him to proceed and he remained on a ledge throughout the night himself.

Shortly after daylight, Fois reached Goeckel and Weideman and, with other rangers assisting, got them to the bottom of the cliff and safely.

Gubser was in such a perilous position that it seemed impossible to reach him. When at last

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MRS. VAL FISCHER IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. Val J. Fischer of 51 Summit street was taken to Community hospital last night for treatment of injuries suffered in an auto accident at West Main and Summit streets.

Mrs. Fischer's car and one operated by John Blackford of the Jacksonville highway collided, city police reported. Blackford was treated for minor injuries and released, the police said. Circumstances of the accident were being investigated by the police.