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# BRITAIN OFFERS U.S. AIR BASE LEASES

## THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 20.—Ambassador to France William C. Bullitt, acting as unofficial governor of Paris during the days between the flight of the French government and the arrival of the Germans, arranged the peaceful occupation of the city with the German high command. While the city waited for its conquerors, a mere shell, with every man and woman gone who could find the means to go, Bullitt conducted the negotiations through the American legation in Berne.

Under the arrangement suggested by Bullitt and accepted by the Germans, contact between himself and the German general staff was to be established when the first German advance detachment reached the outskirts of the city. There members of the Paris police force, then under Bullitt's orders, would be awaiting the Germans. It was a simple and sensible scheme, which a strange accident nearly sent insanely wrong.

For Hitler had personally supervised the plans for occupying Paris, delighting in every instant of his triumph, and he had given the honor of commanding the first advance detachment to a colonel in the German army who was one of the old-time nazis and his close friend.

The colonel and his little troop of men presented themselves at the Porte De Pantin, in the suburbs. A Paris policeman was duly discovered, and Bullitt's plan was just about to be carried out on schedule, when the accident happened.

A nameless French soldier, strayed or left behind because he was wounded, was lodged in a building overlooking the Pantin Gate. He saw the German officer, realized what the parley in the gate must mean, and grimly seized his rifle and shot the German down.

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## LIGHT RAIN ENDS DANGER OF FIRES

Portland, Aug. 20.—(P)—Light rain and temperatures pulled down to autumn crispness virtually eliminated the forest and brush fire menace in the Portland area today.

## SIDE GLANCES

by TRIDUNE REPORTERS

Irene Stedman looking fresh and pretty after a hot, dusty day in the country.

Harriet Watson trying without much success to avoid an excessive amount of bridge playing during her Medford holiday.

Isabel Neff liking the current Craterian picture well enough to return for another helping, many others being of a like mind, so superbly acted is the film piece.

Marjorie Kelly telling interesting tales of a ten thousand acre wheat ranch where she "vacationed" by rising at 3 a. m. to help with the day's chores.

## CHURCHILL URGES SPEEDY DELIVERY AGED DESTROYERS

British-American Union Is Hinted—Bar Food to Hitler Conquered Lands—Air Parity Near.

London, Aug. 20.—(P)—Lord Halifax, British foreign minister, disclosed in the house of lords tonight that an agreement "in principle" had already been reached with the United States government on the leasing of British western hemisphere air and naval bases.

By the Associated Press  
London, Aug. 20.—(P)—Britain has decided to offer the United States 99-year leases on air and naval defense bases in her western hemisphere possessions, Winston Churchill told the house of commons today.

In his eighth war statement, one filled with cold confidence, the prime minister declared Britain had decided to offer these "suitable sites" to the United States in Newfoundland and the West Indies, and was not asking for any advantage in return.

However, he did appeal for "timely reinforcement" of Britain's navy from the United States—a reference to some 50 over age American destroyers which Britain wants to buy.

Speaking of the proposed naval leases, Churchill said: "Undoubtedly this process means that these two great organizations of the English speaking democracies, the British empire and the United States, will have to be somewhat mixed up together in some of their affairs for mutual and general advantage."

No Misgivings  
"For my own part, looking out upon the future, I do not view the process with any misgivings."

"I could not stop it if I wished. No one can stop it. Like the Mississippi it just keeps rolling along. Let it roll. Let it roll, full flood, inexorable, irresistible, benignant, to broader lands and better days."

## Refugee Ship in Danger Zone



The German government has washed its hands of responsibility for the safety of the U. S. ship American Legion (above) carrying Americans home from Petsamo, Finland. The announcement was correlated with a formal declaration of a "total blockade" of the British Isles.

Washington, Aug. 20.—(P)—Officials today waited anxiously for reports that the U. S. army transport American Legion, with 897 war refugees aboard, had safely cleared the danger zone of European waters.

Two continents watched the progress of the homeward bound vessel, knowing that its fate might influence vitally the future course of the United States toward the war now in progress in Europe.

The German embassy, in a statement issued around 3:00 p. m. C.S.T. yesterday, estimated the vessel would be in "grave danger" for the next 12 hours. Unofficial computations, however, indicated the ship may be in the danger area until late this afternoon.

## PROBE OF ICKES' PROFITEERING IN STAMPS SOUGHT

Washington, Aug. 20.—(P)—A senate investigation has determined if officials have received special privileges in acquiring prized postage stamps has been asked by Senator Danaher (R-Conn.).

Danaher asserted in the senate yesterday that Secretary Ickes stood to make a "profit" of \$187,417.50 on 150 imperforate stamps which he bought for \$82.50.

He read what he said was a copy of a letter from Ickes to Harry W. Chase, chancellor of New York University, in which Ickes offered imperforate, gummed stamps of a series issued in commemoration of the national park service to Chase for sale at a charity auction.

## BASEBALL

### National League

	R.	H.	E.
(1st game)			
Brooklyn	0	6	1
St. Louis	3	6	0
Grissom and Mancuso; Shoun and Owen.			
Boston	3	13	2
Pittsburgh	6	15	2
Salvo and Berres; Lanahan and Davis.			
Philadelphia	0	3	1
Chicago	4	8	1
Mulcahy, Frye and Warren; Passau and Todd.			
New York	2	7	0
Cincinnati	3	7	0
Lohrman and Danning; Thompson and Lombardi.			

### American League

	R.	H.	E.
(First game)			
Chicago	6	7	0
Philadelphia	1	3	5
Smith and Tresh; Ross and F. Hayes.			
Cleveland	11	16	0
Boston	6	12	0
Feller, Allen, and Hemsley; Pytlak; Wilson, Dickman, Hash, and Fox.			
(Second game, 10 innings)			
Chicago	3	8	2
Philadelphia	4	11	1
Lee and Turner; Potter, Heuser and F. Hayes.			
(Second game)			
Detroit	2	8	0
New York	4	8	1
Trout, McKain and Sullivan; Bonham and Rosar, Dickey.			
St. Louis	5	10	1
Washington	3	8	1
Auker and Swift, Susce; Hudson and Ferrell.			

### Detroit Blaze Controlled

Eugene, Aug. 20.—(P)—Under control today was a forest fire which blackened 150 acres near Detroit in the Willamette national forest.

### Army Engineers Coming

Portland, Aug. 20.—(P)—The army engineers' rivers and harbors board, headed by Brigadier General Thomas M. Robins, will inspect major projects in Oregon next week.

### Child Refugees

London, Aug. 20.—(P)—Geoffrey H. Shakespeare, dominions under-secretary, told the house of commons today that the government has approved applications for the transportation of 19,373 children overseas to escape the dangers of war.

### Boston Wool Dull

Boston, Aug. 20.—(AP-U.S.A.)—The Boston wool market was extremely dull today.

## NAZI NAVAL BASE AT KIEL BOMBED, TRANSPORTS SUNK

Boulogne Blasted As British Take Offensive — Germans Resume Raids.

London, Aug. 20.—(P)—The Villacoublay airbase on the outskirts of Paris was bombed in the course of widespread British air raiding operations over Germany and France last night, the air ministry announced tonight.

London, Aug. 20.—(P)—RAF bombers last night attacked the German naval base at Kiel and 30 airbases in Germany and in enemy occupied territory while in daylight raids yesterday an anti-aircraft position near Amsterdam were bombed, the air ministry announced tonight.

Three British planes did not return.

By the Associated Press  
London, Aug. 20.—Bombing of two German transports at Haugesund, one of the nearest Norwegian ports to Britain, was reported by the admiralty today as widespread Nazi raids ended another lull in Germany's air siege and British fighters answered blow for blow.

Haugesund is on a stretch of Norwegian coast between Bergen and Stavanger, which might serve as a base for a sea-borne Nazi invasion against which Britain is making constant preparations.

This, following a night of air raids over a wide British area including England, Wales and Scotland, apparently meant the end of the second breathing spell from the attacks of massed German bombers. Most of the night forays, however, were by lone raiders.

The air ministry admitted there had been some damage and casualties, including deaths, but declared most of the bombs fell harmlessly in rural areas.

Besides the attack in Norway, British bomber also carried the war to Germany and German-held France, particularly against Boulogne, French channel port, which was raided for the third time in 48 hours.

The sinking of an unidentified 5,000-ton freighter bound to the Americas with British war refugees, some of them en route to the United States, was disclosed in Dublin. Two torpedoes struck the ship and seven persons aboard were killed, survivors said.

## ROOSEVELT TELLS NAME OF EDITOR

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 20.—(P)—President Roosevelt today named Roy Howard, editor of the New York World-Telegram, as the one private individual he had mentioned anonymously in his acceptance speech as having turned down a bid to help on the defense program.

The World-Telegram is a member newspaper of the Scripps-Howard chain, of which Howard is chairman of the executive committee.

A series of questions brought out Howard's name.

## WILLKIE AMAZED BY FDR'S BACKING OF ICKES SPEECH

Nominee to Keep On Seeking 'Face to Face' Debate — Charges Branded False

Rushville, Ind., Aug. 20.—(P)—Viewing Secretary Ickes' reply to his acceptance speech as a presidential refusal to meet him in joint debate, Wendell L. Willkie gave this statement to reporters today:

"Lincoln did not think it was unworthy or undignified to debate, and neither did Daniel Webster.

"I am going to keep on asking for the debate, boys."

The Republican presidential nominee, who on Saturday challenged President Roosevelt to a series of "face to face" platform arguments, listened by radio last night to Ickes' address accusing him of "unpatriotic demagoguery" and "unpardonable references" to the chief executive.

Not Worth Answering  
Hastily calling a secretary, he dictated a statement to Joe Martin, Republican chairman, saying "I am not surprised that Ickes would stoop to such levels, but I am astonished the president of the United States would authorize such a speech."

Washington, Aug. 20.—(P)—Secretary Ickes, calling Wendell Willkie's criticism of President Roosevelt's handling of foreign affairs "ill-considered and demagogic," has termed the Republican party "the party of appeasement."

In a radio address described as a reply to the Republican presidential nominee's acceptance speech, the interior secretary last night asserted:

"The Republican party in 1940 contains the equivalent of England's and France's pro-nazi Munich appeasers of 1938—the men with the black umbrellas."

Ickes said that Willkie was a member of Tammany Hall and indicated that he considered him an admirer of the late Samuel Insull, utilities operator. Both statements were promptly termed "plain and simple falsehoods," by Willkie in a statement at Rushville, Ind., last night.

Willkie wired Chairman Joseph Martin of the Republican national committee to "waste no money in buying radio time to answer Ickes. It is unworthy of answer." (It had been planned to have Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) make a reply.)

Tammany "Smear"  
Willkie, Ickes said, had joined Tammany Hall in 1930, "fought in its ranks" and "has not resigned to this day."

Ickes also claimed that Willkie had once praised Insull as a "forceful, dynamic and attractive figure," while thousands of others "execrate Insull as the man who ruined them."

"The statement of Mr. Ickes that I am or ever was a member of Tammany Hall," Willkie said, "and his implication that I ever approved of the activities of Samuel Insull, or that I have any business connections of any kind today are plain and simple falsehoods."

Attack Bitter  
In his attack on the Republican party, Ickes said: "Mr. Willkie's current party contains the men who think that they can appease Hitler by making a deal—the big business men who were caught conferring in secret with a notorious Nazi agent, Dr. Westrick.

## Royal Hardship

London, Aug. 20.—(P)—Because of the war, Princess Margaret Rose will have only a plain sponge cake for her tenth birthday anniversary tomorrow.

Sugar rationing does not provide for the icing.

## AIRPORT PROJECT WILL START SOON, GRIFFITH STATES

\$120,000 Defense Improvement Job to Be Done in Six Months, City Is Told

Work on the Medford municipal airport \$120,000 WPA improvement project will be started in a few days and will be completed in six months with a maximum of 125 to 130 men employed, it was stated today by E. J. Griffith, state administrator with headquarters in Portland.

On a tour of western counties to talk over projects with sponsoring agencies, Mr. Griffith left here for the north today after conferring with Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent, H. F. Merrill, director of WPA operations in this district, who will be supervising engineer for the works projects administration on the airport job, Mayor C. C. Furnas and city councilmen Glenn L. Jackson, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Griffith inspected the airport yesterday afternoon.

The Medford improvement plan is the first WPA defense project in Oregon, Mr. Griffith said, and added that there would be no delay in getting the work started. He stated that approval by the war department as a defense measure expedited the project.

The project is for paving the main 4,000-foot runway, graveling of an additional 1,400 feet of the runway, widening the runway 100 feet and installing flush type runway lights. The additional runway width is to be graveled.

As improved, the airport will be able to accommodate the largest planes for a long time to come, Mr. Griffith declared.

Lunching yesterday with the city council, Mr. Griffith said that approval of the project was the "culmination of a long and persistent effort by the people of this community to procure federal aid to help pay the material costs for the extension of the airport."

"This was not something that developed over night," Mr. Griffith continued. "It represents long, patient work. This applies to the city government, the chamber of commerce and citizens generally who have been behind the airport improvement program."

## SENATE HEARS OF PLANE SABOTAGE

Washington, Aug. 20.—(P)—Senator Reynolds (D-N.C.) told the senate today he had "heard" that in 28 days at Langley field there were 26 airplane accidents all caused by defective landing gears" and "there must have been some sabotage there."

In addition to this report on the big air base in Virginia, Reynolds said also that "I've heard that there is a lot of sabotage taking place in the airplane factories of southern California."

The senator also told the senate of reports "that acid was placed in bolt holes" on some recent heavy gun emplacements so that these guns would be dislodged when fired.

"We must guard ourselves from within as well as from without," Reynolds said and then referred to Harry Bridges, alien labor leader, as "America's enemy number one." He urged speedy senate action on house-approved legislation to deport Bridges.

## NOMINEE RENEWS CHALLENGE F. D. R. DEBATE WITH HIM

Let Experts Inspect Defenses, While President Discusses Issues, Plan.

THE PRESIDENT DECLINES  
Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 10.—(P)—President Roosevelt turned down Wendell L. Willkie's challenge to debate campaign issues today, asserting that things were in such a shape this year that he could not campaign.

Willkie issued the challenge in a speech last Saturday in which he formally accepted the Republican presidential nomination.

Asked when he would "start the debates with Willkie," Mr. Roosevelt recalled his own acceptance speech.

He said he had told the public and the Democratic convention that, whether he liked it or not, he happened to be the president of 130,000,000 people, and that things were in such shape this year that it was, of course, perfectly obvious that he could not do any political campaigning.

Rushville, Ind., Aug. 20.—(P)—Republican presidential nominee Wendell L. Willkie renewed his public debate challenge to President Roosevelt late today, suggesting that Mr. Roosevelt let defense experts inspect defense works and that the chief executive make his own contribution to democracy by discussing the vital issues of the campaign.

Informed of Mr. Roosevelt's Hyde Park, N. Y., press conference statement that he could not accept Willkie's challenge, the Republican presidential nominee issued the following statement:

"It would suggest that the president name experts who understand the building of defense works to make inspection trips with regard to such defense works and that the president devote such time as he now uses for that purpose to making democracy work by discussing the issues in which the American people are very much interested."

"It is true that Franklin D. Roosevelt is president of the United States. It is equally true that he is running for a third term for president of the United States. . . . The democratic process basically rests upon discussion and any man who seeks the office of president of the United States not alone should be willing to but is under an obligation to publicly discuss the questions before the American people."

## War Bulletins

Dublin, Aug. 20.—(P)—Ireland's department of defense announced tonight that a German plane had crashed near Cloughane, county Kerry, and that its crew of six had been captured.

Rome, Aug. 20.—(AP via Radio)—Italian bomber formations accompanied by fighting planes bombed the British naval base of Malta today, the Italian radio reported.

Athens, Aug. 20.—(P)—Informed sources said today a two-member Greek trade commission would leave for Berlin August 23 to iron out details of a recently signed German-Greek trade agreement.

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 20.—Royal Air Force bombardments of Bern, western Libyan port, and Italian air bases and gasoline reserves in Africa were reported today by the Royal Air Force command here.

Dictator's Rule  
Trondheim, Norway, Aug. 20.—(P)—The death penalty, abolished in Norway 65 years ago, returned to this German-occupied country today with the execution of Carlos Santi, 35-year-old Norwegian citizen of Italian parentage.