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SIGNS BRITAIN GAINING AIR MASTERY

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 21.—William C. Bullitt's speech before the American Philosophical society at Philadelphia was no blundering indiscretion in the manner of James H. R. Cromwell or John Cudahy. It was not only passed by the state department, as was reported at the time; it was also discussed at length with the president, both in the early and final stages of preparation, and was approved in detail by him. It must be taken, therefore, as an exact expression of the president's own views.

Regarded in this light, the Bullitt speech is unquestionably the most significant utterance on foreign affairs to come from any administration source, including the president himself, since the outbreak of the second world war.

For Bullitt did not speak in the broad generalities and careful indirections which have characterized such presidential utterances as the message requesting repeal of the arms embargo. He painted in the most lively and moving colors the tragic picture of the country that the same painter of the future might be repeated here in the United States. He urgently pleaded that destroyers and other forms of aid might be made immediately available to England. And he sharply warned that if England fell, the danger of German aggression against the United States would be immediate and terrible.

"America is in danger," he said, "is my conviction, drawn from my own experience and from the information in the hands of our government in Washington, that the United States is in as great peril today as France was a year ago. And I believe that unless we act

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AMERICAN LEGION CLEAR MINE ZONE

Washington, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The state department said today the refugee ship American Legion was about 400 miles west of the British coast line and thus well out of the area which Germany had described as highly dangerous.

Washington, Aug. 21.—(AP)—A congressional investigation of why the refugee ship American Legion was sent through a mined area despite German warning has been suggested by Senator Bone (D-Wash.).

Bone told the senate yesterday that "either President Roosevelt or someone in the state department" had refused to order a change in the ship's course and thereby risked an incident which "might have precipitated this country into war in a week."

Zehring Indicted

Portland, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The grand jury returned two forged indictments yesterday against Edgar Zehring, 38, former secretary-treasurer of the Portland postal employees' credit union.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Helen Thompson doing a first class job of reporting while playing scribe at a function.

Lucille Wright, Sarah Frazee and Dorothy Lee being very cordial to a caller but not much help to the caller's aim in calling.

Marjorie Kelly and Eileen Driggs pulling off what their victim judged the most stunning practical joke of all time.

Helen Dugan sniffing from a cold and insisting she did not catch it while horseback riding in the moonlight.

SCATTERED SOLO RAIDS MAIN NAZI ACTIVITY TODAY

Gibraltar Attacked Twice From Sky—English Midlands Plants Hit.

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Germany's airforce blanketed England with scattered solo raids today, striking its heaviest blows in the southeast, where one coast resort was bombed twice in the early afternoon.

Three Nazi bombers were shot down by British fighters, and a fourth was believed to have plunged into the English channel.

Almost constant patrols of Spitfires and Hurricanes were kept in the air as reports indicated a change in German tactics from mass raids to scattered "sneak-in" attacks by individual bombers.

Late today a lone raider attacked a town in the southwest and dropped a bomb which destroyed a house, causing three casualties, including one fatal.

In a dog fight over the town the Junkers 88 was brought down by a British fighter. The bomb crew of five was killed.

Hit-Run Tactics
 The heaviest of these attacks, which the British said were modeled on "hit and run" tactics, was concentrated on the southeast coast, but numbers of single raiders also were reported over the midlands, the Welsh coastal areas and northeast England.

The greatest damage was reported from the industrial midlands, where several bombs hit a thickly populated residential and shopping area, killing one woman and injuring several others.

In other sections German bombers did little damage, first reports indicated.

The growing radius of British bombing attacks on Germany and German-occupied territory, coupled with diminishing Nazi aerial activity, was hailed in London as an indication that the initiative has been taken away from the German air force by RAF victories over massed attacking methods.

There was virtually no German air activity over England between midnight and dawn.

Five bombs were dropped on South Wales towns this morning. The damage and the number of casualties were not learned.

Several planes took part in the raid.

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By the Associated Press
 Berlin, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The German high command reported widespread damage done to air-dromes, harbors and industries in southern and middle England in a series of night raids, but sent only scattered planes to make "scattered reconnaissance" and photographic flights across the channel in daylight operations today.

The number of day flights was small because of the unfavorable weather, said DNB, official news agency.

Lead Senate Attack On Bullitt



An attack in the senate at Washington on the address of Ambassador William C. Bullitt, predicting a German attack on the United States if Great Britain is defeated was led by Senator D. Worth Clark (right) (D-Ia.) who termed it "very, very little short of treason." Joining the debate, Senator Bennett Champ Clark (left) (D-Mo.) said that "if Ambassador Bullitt did succeed in getting up a war he would find a safe place to hide during its progress."

TROTSKY VICTIM OF AX ASSAULT IN MEXICAN HOME

Exiled Bolshevik Leader Near Death — Assailant Posed As Friend.

(By the Associated Press)
 Mexico City, Aug. 21.—Leon Trotsky, exiled leader of the Bolsheviks who fled to a haven in Mexico, was near death today—victim of a pickax attack by a man who posed as his "great admirer."

Surgeons said Trotsky's condition was "very grave."

The one-time Russian war minister had a wound in the skull which exposed his brain and a fracture at the base of the skull. Two other blows from the ax injured his right shoulder and his right hip.

Surgeons operated on Trotsky last night, a few hours after he was set upon in the office of his home in nearby Coyoacan.

New York, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Leon Trotsky, exiled leader of the bolshevik revolution who suffered a skull fracture at the hands of a pickax assailant in his Mexican retreat yesterday, was reported "very low" today in a telephoned report from his secretary.

The ax-wielder, who had posed as a friend, described himself to Mexican police as Jacques Mortan Vandendriessch, 36, a native of Persia, who became a Belgian subject, the secretary reported.

In San Francisco, Diego Rivera, Mexican muralist and former intimate of Trotsky, attributed the attack to "tools of the Stalin Hitler front."

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SUSPECT MURDER IN EUGENE DEATH

Eugene, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Murder was suspected by local officers today when an autopsy revealed that Hugh M. O'Brien, 57, local furniture store dealer found hanging by a rope in the basement of his store yesterday, died from a blow on the head or strangulation.

Whether or not a suicide note, now being studied, was forged will give final indication of whether or not the foul play was his own idea or met with foul play.

REPORT MASSING ITALIAN TROOPS ON GREEK BORDER

Greece Also Girds—Fascist Press Stirs War Fever in Row Over Albania.

(By the Associated Press)
 Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 21.—Italian troops were reported massing along Greece's western frontier today as the Greek government, beleaguered by the fascist press for alleged mistreatment of Albanian minorities, strengthened its defenses by placing more reserves under arms.

The call to the colors was the third issued in a week of growing tension in relations with Italy.

Premier General John Metaxas conferred at length last night with King George II, but no explanation for the sudden increase in the nation's armed forces was given and official reports declined to comment on the reports of Italian troop concentrations.

"Reports abroad can neither be confirmed nor denied," a spokesman said.

Usually well-informed sources here, however, said they had information that Italy was massing considerable numbers of troops, including at least one armored division, in Albania opposite the Greek border.

The fascist press has been hinting strongly that Italy would make territorial demands on Greece for the Ciarruria frontier region on the ground it is rightfully part of Albania, which Italy annexed in 1939 after her Good Friday invasion.

WILLKIE DESIRES TO DEBATE FDR. ON DEFENSE TRIP

Criticizes Preparedness Progress to Date—His Plan Would Not 'Waste Time'

Rushville, Ind., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Criticizing the administration defense program as "hopelessly inadequate, delayed, and improperly organized," Wendell L. Willkie suggested today that he and President Roosevelt debate the issue during one of the chief executive's visits to preparedness projects.

"Mr. Roosevelt should tell us how much (military equipment) is on hand, and how much on order," the Republican presidential nominee said in a statement.

Willkie's proposal followed a renewal of his invitation that his Democratic opponent meet him in "public discussion" on all campaign questions. The renewal was made at a press conference yesterday after Mr. Roosevelt had turned down the original challenge by saying conditions made it obvious he could not campaign.

Then Willkie issued the statement about defense as a supplement to his remarks to reporters.

A debate during a preparedness inspection trip, the nominee declared, "won't waste" time of the president's.

"He probably would be making a speech anyway," Willkie added, "and it would just give me the privilege of making a speech at the same time, and then each could reply to the other."

Willkie plans to leave tonight or tomorrow for a week-end trip to New York.

The nominee had a quiet morning and afternoon yesterday, but appeared unexpectedly at a joint dinner of the Rushville Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

He announced receipt of more than a hundred messages suggesting that he put Secretary Ledges on his payroll. The reason, he said, was that the cabinet member's opposition radio speech "was so helpful" to Republicans.

NAZI AIR LOSSES DOUBLE REPORTS

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Total German air losses since the mass aerial attacks began on Great Britain two weeks ago probably are more than double the 710 listed in official communiques published, Archibald Sinclair, minister of air, told the house of commons today.

Sinclair told the house that Britain's communiques were based solely on German planes "certainly destroyed," that is, actually seen to hit the ground, break into pieces in the air, or descend in flames.

"There are strict instructions to pilots to exercise the greatest discretion in reporting enemy losses and they tend to err on the side of underestimation," Sinclair said.

Portland, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission revoked one license, suspended four, refused 23 and granted four today.

Nice Summer News

Washington, Aug. 21.—(AP)—In 49-degree below temperature, the staff of the United States Antarctic service celebrated today the approaching end of the four-month-long winter night.

Dr. Paul A. Siple, west base leader, radioed that the sun was expected to show itself fitfully at noon today. However, for several weeks, the sun will be visible only for a short time daily.

BRITAIN SEEKING ARMS PACT WITH AMERICA, BELIEF

Alliance Would Embrace Defense of Canada, Says Unofficial Source.

(By Drew Middleton)
 London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Unofficial but well-informed sources indicated today that the British government is seeking a military alliance with the United States.

Canadian-American discussions on mutual defense are considered in these quarters to be the opening wedge in a British effort to obtain a full military accord between the United States and Britain.

As envisaged now, such an alliance would embrace the defense of Canada and other British possessions in the western hemisphere and, perhaps even more important, "would form the basis for common diplomacy in the far east at the conclusion of the European conflict," as one informant put it.

"The plain truth of the matter," said a neutral diplomat, "is that neither Great Britain nor the United States has a powerful friend left anywhere else in the world. It behooves them to get together and make the best of the sorry situation."

Official sources were reluctant to comment on the talks between President Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, which resulted in a decision to establish a joint defense board, but satisfaction was evident.

There were reports here that the conversations progressed to the hypothetical naval defense of Canada and the United States in the event the British fleet were lost and aerial defense not only on the seaboard but from United States bases on the Pacific such as Sitka and northern Alaska.

GAS SOLD JAPAN BY ENGLISH FIRM; BRANDED UNFAIR

Houston, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The Chronicle today said "the Houston oil industry buzzed with reports that two British-controlled companies were selling to Japan petroleum products recently embargoed by the United States."

The Chronicle said one executive asserted, "When the United States stopped American oil companies from shipping aviation gasoline and other products to Japan, these two international oil companies, one controlled directly by the British government, stepped in and began supplying the Japanese market."

"Apparently," the Chronicle quoting him anonymously, "this is part of England's appeasement policy toward Japan."

The Chronicle said "he termed the situation 'a screwy one' with the two British-controlled companies supplying Japan, axis partner of Germany, with oil."

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Sale of British oil to Japan and the closing of the Burma road over which war supplies were sent to the central Chinese government at Chungking were assailed in commons today by Geoffrey Mander, liberal member of parliament, as "grossly unfair."

SEEK SETTLEMENT AUTO CAMP SUIT

An effort was being made today to effect a settlement of the \$5400 judgment awarded by a circuit court jury June 6 to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Montag and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Curry in their suit against Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tate over purchase of an auto camp and store on the Crater Lake highway above Trail, George W. Neilson, of counsel for the Tates, said.

An execution order was issued by the court August 14 and the sheriff took possession of the property involved, pending settlement of the judgment or sale of the property to satisfy the judgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Montag and Mr. and Mrs. Curry based their suit on the allegation that they bought the auto court under misrepresentations by the Tates. They were unable to keep up payments on the purchase contract and the property was repossessed by the Tates, it was brought out during the suit.

Charles R. Linn, 20, of 131 1/2 North Central avenue, was fined \$5 and \$4.50 costs in justice of the peace court today on a charge of speeding a truck. He pleaded guilty.

New York, Aug. 21.—(AP)—A membership in the New York stock exchange sold today for \$35,000, lowest since 1914 and \$3,000 less than the previous sale.

AUTHOR OF 'CASEY AT THE BAT' DEAD

Santa Barbara, Calif., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Ernest Lawrence Thayer, who wrote the immortal baseball poem, "Casey at the Bat," died today at the age of 77.

He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and succumbed at his home in nearby Montecito.

War Bulletins

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Authoritative London sources said today that Italy's oil supplies might become acutely short after 12 months of war and that shortages were already apparent in the Italian stocks of raw materials.

Berlin, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Germany is unable to guarantee safe conduct for vessels carrying children out of war zones, the official news agency, DNB said tonight in commenting on United States proposals to amend the neutrality law to permit American ships to carry British children westward.

Nairobi, Kenya, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The South African air force bombed Mogadisciu, most important port in Italian Somaliland, as well as "all known airdromes" in southern Ethiopia yesterday, a British communique here today said.

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The air ministry announced tonight British planes bombed two enemy destroyers yesterday in the North Sea and damaged one.

The air ministry also declared airdromes in German occupied territory were bombed in daylight raids yesterday and today. Adverse weather conditions curtailed operations last night.

The ministry said no British losses were suffered.

Chancy, Switzerland, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Britain's long-range bombing flights against industrial cities of northern Italy and southern German war industries are increasing the Peita government's fears that Germany and Italy will extend their occupation over a wider area of France, border reports said today.

London, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Britons raised unofficial estimates of German planes shot down in scattered but persistent raids to 15 late today after a battle over a southeast town in which one German crashed.

Athens, Aug. 21.—(AP)—A report circulated tonight that an Italian plane which made a forced landing at Eleusis last night carried 20 Italian staff officers and military technicians.

The plane was forced down 15 miles west of Athens near Greece's largest munitions plant.

It was said that the Italians were taken to a hotel in the suburbs of Athens under military guard and held there overnight.

The Italians, it was said, were released this morning.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH, INDUSTRY URGED IN SENATE

House Rejects Draft Deferment — Walsh Claims Profit Taking Curbs Preparing.

Washington, Aug. 21.—(AP)—The house military committee rejected today a proposal to amend the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill to defer actual drafting of men for military service until the United States was at war.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) said the committee rejected the amendment by vote of 15 to 3.

The proposal to make a draft operative only after a declaration of war first gained widespread attention yesterday when it was put forward in the senate by Senator Walsh (D-Mass) who said he would offer it formally as an amendment later.

In the senate today Walsh joined in debate over the draft bill pending there with the charge that airplane manufacturers were delaying acceptance of government contracts for warplanes because they were receiving 18 per cent profit on foreign orders.

Supporting an amendment by Senator Lee (D-Okla.) to "draft" wealth as well as manpower, Walsh asserted that industrial leaders were now "knocking at the door" of the senate in an effort to obtain repeal of airplane and ship profit limitations.

He was told by an aircraft manufacturer, he said, that 500 sub-contractors from whom the manufacturer purchased supplies preferred to deal with foreign buyers because profits on negotiated United States government contracts were restricted to 7 per cent on airplanes and 8 per cent on ships. Foreign contracts yielded as high as 18 per cent, Walsh said he was told.

"How can anybody vote to conscript manpower when the manufacturers of airplanes and ships insist that they would have the same profits as in peacetime?" he shouted.

LUZON CROPS HIT BY WILD TYPHOON

Manila, Aug. 21.—(AP)—A typhoon that swept northern Luzon island caused at least eight deaths, destroyed hundreds of houses and flooded large crop areas, said belated reports received here tonight. The storm passed into the China sea yesterday.

It was feared that loss of life in Cagayan province, still isolated, might be as high as in the center of the storm area.

BASEBALL

American	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	5	1
Philadelphia	3	5	0
Rigney and Tresh; Beckman and F. Hayes.			
Cleveland	4	7	0
Boston	2	14	1
Harder and Hemsley; Ostermueller, Fleming and Foxx.			
St. Louis	0	8	0
Washington	3	8	1
Mills, Hudlin and Susce; Leonard and Ferrell.			
Detroit	5	7	0
New York	6	11	2
Newhouser, Seats, C. Smith, Benton and Sullivan; Chandler, Murphy and Dickey.			
National	R.	H.	E.
(10 innings):	7	13	1
Philadelphia	6	11	2
Chicago	5	12	1
Pearson, Smoll, Syl Johnson and Warren, Atwood; Lee, Mooty, Root, Raffensberger, Bryant and Todd.			
Boston	2	8	1
Pittsburgh	3	10	0
Sullivan, Coffman and Mast; Heintzelman and Davis.			