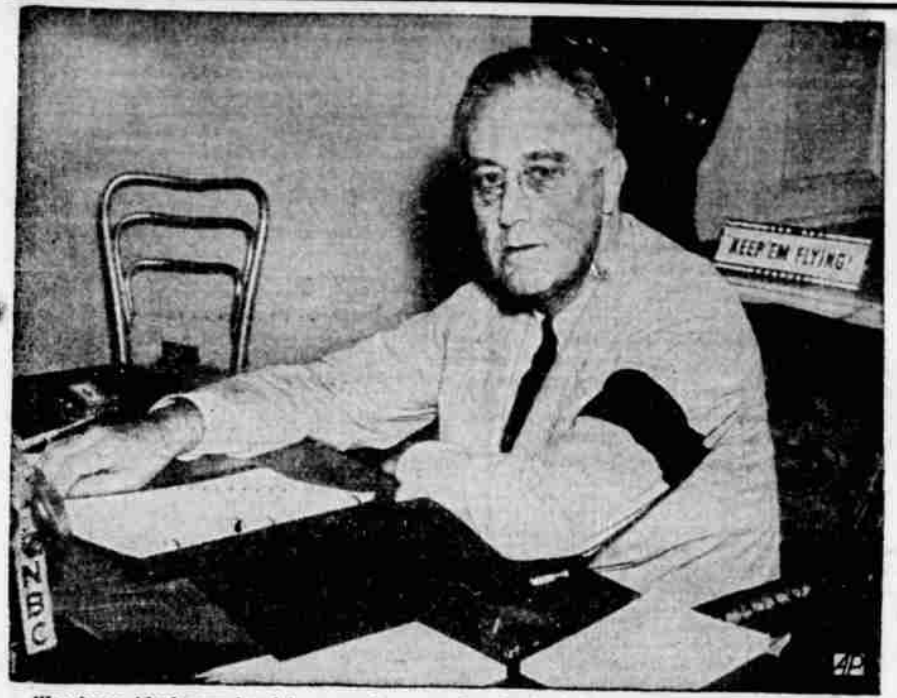


Weather
Full U.S. Weather Bureau report inside
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; continued cool.
Temperature yesterday 68
Lowest this morning 51

Sunday Want Ads
Last Sunday it required almost a full page of space to carry the classified and too late to classify ads. Let's make it a full page next Sunday. Why not write your ad now and be ready?

Unsmiling President Addresses Nation



Wearing a black arm band in mourning over the death of his mother, a serious-faced President addressed the nation last night in a broadcast from the White House oval room, warning Axis powers they entered vital American waters at their own peril. Behind President Roosevelt, who was wearing a seersucker suit, was a sign, "Keep 'Em Flying." (AP Telephoto by wire and Airmail to Mail Tribune).

Roosevelt Gives Navy 'Shoot to Sink' Order Against Axis Raiders

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—In blunt, uncompromising language President Roosevelt barred vast reaches of the sea today to "rattlesnake" raiders wearing the flag of the Rome-Berlin axis, and backed up the no trespass order with the guns of the United States navy.

Foes of the administration's policies immediately chorused that this constituted "an unauthorized declaration of war," "an engraved invitation to trouble."

But there was no disagreement as to what the president meant. His instructions to the fleet, effective at once, were specific—strike first without waiting whenever axis raiders are encountered hereafter in the "defensive waters" of the United States. He said ships of any flag would be protected from raiders in those seas.

Reply to Incidents That, in brief, was the burden of the address which the chief executive delivered by radio last night to the nation, to the axis powers and to the other countries of the world.

It represented the president's considered reply to the recent series of sea incidents—a previously undisclosed attempt to torpedo an American battleship, the clash between the U. S. S. Greer and a U-boat in the north Atlantic, and the sinking of three American-owned merchantmen.

"The sole responsibility rests on Germany," said Mr. Roosevelt of the future.

"There will be no shooting unless Germany continues to seek it."

"But let this warning be clear. From now on, if German or Italian vessels of war enter the waters, the protection of which is necessary for American defense, they do so at their own peril."

Bipartisan Approval While critics were aroused by the pronouncements—Senator Van Nuys (D., Ind.) called them "alarming... terrorizing"—the address drew a highlight of bipartisan approval, highlighted by the endorsement of Wendell L. Willkie and the statement of Senator Thomas (D., Utah) that "driving pirates off or out of the seas is not war."

To Britain the president's words were welcome and the London press hailed them in headlines which declared: "U. S. To Guard Our Ships," "F. D. R. Orders 'Sink Nazis In U. S. Seas.'" The British radio announced "Hitler's expulsion from the Atlantic is starting immediately."

The official response, however, was left for a "person of equal standing"—presumably Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Rome and Berlin displayed no hurry to comment, but actually German commentators had anticipated the speech by several hours, denouncing Mr. Roosevelt roundly as a "warmonger" who intended his address to "lead to a new world war."

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ATTACKS IN SHIPPING NAZIS' ANSWER TO F.R.

22 BOATS DOWNED IN HEAVY CONVOY IS BERLIN BOAST

Victims Believed Carrying Supplies to Britain—Italy Announces New Raids.

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The state department announced today that the American owned steamship Montana, flying the Panamanian flag, had been torpedoed and sunk while en route from the United States to Iceland.

All 26 members of the crew are believed to have been saved. None were Americans.

The state department said that according to information received from the navy department the Montana, which was named the Paula before it was requisitioned from the Danish owners by the maritime commission, sailed on August 19 from Wilmington, N. C., for Iceland with a cargo of 1,500,000 feet of lumber for the Iceland government.

It was later established that the sinking was at 8:45 a. m.

(By the Associated Press) Germany announced today, hard on the heels of President Roosevelt's order for a shoot-on-sight defense by American warships at the approach of "rattlesnake" axis raiders, that German U-boat torpedoes are even now slashing through the waters of the North Atlantic in one of the greatest convoy attacks of the war.

So far, 22 ships have been sunk out of more than 40 vessels in a heavily-guarded convoy, Adolf Hitler's high command said in a special bulletin—and the assault is proceeding.

Presumably the convoy was bearing American war supplies to Britain.

Although Germany's formal stand on Mr. Roosevelt's broadcast was shrouded in official silence, the significantly timed announcement of the convoy attack made it appear to Berlin correspondents that the reich was trying to answer the president's warning with action instead of words.

Hardly had foreign correspondents in Berlin reached their offices, empty-handed after a noon press conference, than the Berlin radio with a fanfare of trumpets informed the world of the convoy sinkings.

In Rome, the authoritative fascist editor Virginio Gayda, often Premier Mussolini's spokesman, declared that Italian and German warships, exposed now to "deliberate aggressive action of American warships," must attack in self-defense if they cannot escape.

German commentators intimated broadly that Mr. Roosevelt's shooting order would not deter Germany from her avowed campaign to destroy any ships bearing aid to Great Britain, recalling Hitler's own dictum that whatever ships came before German U-boat torpedo tubes would be sunk.

At the same time Italy also announced new submarine raids in the Atlantic. Premier Mussolini's high command credited a fascist undersea craft with sinking a large oil tanker and probably destroying a 3,450-ton freighter.

M'NARY TO STAY IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Senator McNary, minority leader, announced today he had abandoned plans to resume his vacation in Oregon. He was called back to Washington because of the revenue bill and had hoped to return to his home state later. Intensification of the foreign situation caused him to decide to remain here.

BASEBALL

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago.

LENINGRAD BATTLE BELIEVED TOO HOT TO CONTINUE LONG

Red Spokesman Says German Losses in Titanic Struggle Greatest Ever

Moscow, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The battle for Leningrad "has assumed such a character and such dimensions that the Germans cannot conduct it long," S. A. Lozovsky, vice foreign commissar, said tonight.

"The Germans want a quick decision but cannot obtain it," he said.

The fierce unprecedented struggle going on on the approaches to Leningrad has resulted in German losses greater than ever before," this Soviet press spokesman declared.

Berlin, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The German high command admitted today that rain and mud were making the Nazi invasion of Russia difficult but insisted operations were nevertheless "progressing well."

"Stronger" Russian troop concentrations in the central sector yesterday were taken under "effective fire" by German artillery, DNB said, resulting in the dispersing of Soviet units.

Bitter fights were reported in the northern area, where Berlin informants said the German forces advanced despite "stubborn resistance and widespread mine fields." One army corps reported cleaning up 6,700 mines in two days while taking Soviet field positions and one town, military sources said.

Soviet losses in this area were estimated here at 1,200 prisoners, 12 tanks and 60 artillery pieces.

Moscow, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Counter-attacking Russians crossed the lower Dnieper at four points today and claimed capture of an island and two villages from the Germans even as new reverses for the wehrmacht in the bloody Smolensk central sector dashed all Adolf Hitler's hopes of equaling Napoleon's 83-day march to Moscow.

Russia's Baltic fleet operating in stormy seas joined the red army in the defense of Leningrad, shelling German troop concentrations, and tank columns, intercepting German sea transports and covering a red army retreat in that sector.

RUNWAY WIDENING PLANNED AT PORT

Ready today for consideration at Washington headquarters was an estimate embodying an additional WPA allotment of \$67,773 for supplemental work at Medford municipal airport.

The estimate was received yesterday for signature of the sponsoring agency, the city of Medford. The city, it was explained at the WPA office here, would not have to put up any sponsor's contribution as the newly-requested fund is to supplement a project already being carried out.

The additional money would be used for excavation and grading to increase the width of the runways from 300 to 500 feet to meet civil aeronautics administration standards and to provide a seal-coat for the taxi strips and loading aprons to protect them against rain. The additional width would be in gravel, though the proposed fund is for only excavation and grading, Fred Scheffel, city superintendent, said.

Sacramento, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Butterfat: First grade, 41¢; second grade, 39¢.

San Francisco Butter: San Francisco, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Butter: 92 score, 38¢; 91 score, 37¢; 90 score, 36¢; 89 score, 35¢.

Chairman



C. E. "Pop" Gates, former mayor and for many years prominent in Medford civic and business affairs, has consented to act as chairman in the forthcoming annual campaign for the Medford Area Community Chest.

GATES WILL HEAD COMMUNITY CHEST ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

C. E. Gates, well known Medford business man, has agreed to act as campaign chairman for the coming annual campaign of the Medford Area Community Chest, according to George Hiles, chest president.

Gates has been actively interested in community work for many years, and we on the chest board feel most confident of success again this year under the campaign leadership of Mr. Gates," said Hiles today.

Mr. Gates' acceptance was revealed at a recent special meeting of the chest board. Plans for the 1941 campaign are now getting under way so that everything can be in readiness when definite dates are set.

Mr. Hiles called special attention to the fact that the National Mobilization of Human Needs will take place all over America in the period of October 5 to 25. President Roosevelt will launch the period and community chests all over the land will go forward with their campaigns. The local Medford Area Chest includes the Salvation Army, the Jackson County Public Health association, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross, and the Girls Community club.

Budget requests from the member agencies will be submitted to the board at their regular meeting next week.

DRAFT QUOTA SIX FOR JACKSON CO.

Salem, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Transportation schedules for the 688 Oregon men who will be drafted into the army from October 7 to 17 were sent by state selective service headquarters today to the 57 local draft boards, each of which will be called upon to contribute from two to 45 men.

The call, the 19th, is the second largest since the selective service act was passed a year ago.

The transportation schedules, with the number requested from each board, include: To report at the induction station in the Portland armory on October 8—Douglas 8 men, Jackson No. 1 4, Jackson No. 2 2.

October 9—Josephine 2, Klamath No. 1 25.

October 17—Klamath No. 2 45.

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COUNCIL SUBMITS SUGGESTIONS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY

Warning Signs On Fourth Street Intersections, Curb On Speeding Among Items

The Medford Traffic Safety Council today submitted to the mayor and city council a number of recommendations that developed from the safety council's meeting Tuesday night. The recommendations included:

(1)—Erection of "warning" signs at Fourth street intersections, particularly from Oakdale avenue to Riverside avenue. "It was felt that by this means the installation of 'stops' signs might be avoided," the letter of transmission to the mayor and city council said.

(2)—Continued efforts to curb speeding on main thoroughfares. Parents of children who have to cross East Main street to get to school were apprehensive of accidents unless police kept a continuous watch on motorists, the letter said. "It is hoped that in making up the budget for next year, the committee will include ample provision for the employment of traffic officers with the knowledge that benefits, even the revenue to be provided from such officers, more than offset any cost involved," said the letter, signed by Seth M. Bullis, council chairman.

(3)—Painting of a center line in the "S" curve at the upper end of East Main street to prevent crossing over the center line "as several near accidents have been reported."

Asserting that traffic increases accentuate the problems on Main street and around the postoffice, the safety council offered three suggestions: abolition of left turns at signal-controlled intersections; double parking in the business district by commercial vehicles be further limited and prohibited entirely at establishments having alley entrances; "bearing in mind the outcome of the investigation of the recent pedestrian fatality at Main and Fir streets." This comment was not elaborated upon.

The letter concluded: "The council appreciates that traffic enforcement is sometimes productive of hard feelings and it is willing at all times to lend its support to the city's program."

TAX EQUALIZATION WORK COMPLETED

The Jackson County Board of Equalization has completed its labors for the year and filed its findings with the county clerk on petitions for reductions of tax assessment. Out of 23 petitions filed, 12 were granted, in varying amounts and 11 left as is.

The board is composed of the county judge, county clerk and assessor.

Radio Highlights

By the Associated Press (Time is Pacific standard) Tonight, The War—4:55 CBS; 8 NBC CBS; 8:30 MBS. Talks—NBC-Blue 5:30 Paul V. McNutt from Rochester, N. Y., on "Why We Arm."

MBS—6 middleweight fight, George Abrams vs. Tony Zale.

Saturday, The War—8 MBS; 9:45 NBC-Red, 11:55 CBS; 12 NBC MBS; 1 p. m., MBS; 2:25 NBC; 2:30 CBS NBC-Blue.

NBC-Red—1:30 race, Narragansett special; CBS—12:30 American Legion pre-convention program; 2 Calling Post America.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 12.—Wendell Willkie, laughing around with congressional friends outside the film inquiry, made the most significant statement of the day.

"Well, I'm fixed until 1944," Mr. Willkie may have been referring to his fee for representing his law business in general, but the fact that he put a 1944 limit on it is what spurred the private comment of the politicians. It so happens there will be another opportunity for Mr. Willkie to try for the presidency that ominous year, and apparently Mr. Willkie intends to be a candidate.

As for the war propaganda film inquiry, it was strictly a publicity affair with Mr. Willkie, demonstrating what he learned about that subject in the last campaign. Denied the privilege of examining witnesses, Mr. Willkie stepped deftly around the committee to get his views known. He slipped to the press a statement contradicting Senator Nye before Nye had been going 15 minutes in the witness chair. Thus Mr. Willkie sent his cross-examination everywhere except into the committee record.

You may be sure no legislation restricting the film producers as to propaganda will come out of the hearing. The isolationist senators in charge indicated clearly they had none in mind. Apparently they just wanted the country to know the thought many leading war films were furnishing propaganda for war.

WHILE all was pleasant on the surface of British-American-

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SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Doc Charlie Davis financing a long distance telephone call to emphasize the importance of tonight's meeting of the Medford Athletic association directors.