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Challenges Roosevelt On War Statement

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Wendell L. Wilkie tonight challenged President Roosevelt's statement that he would do all he could "to keep war away from these shores for all time."

In an address in the Stadium where Mr. Roosevelt was nominated for a third term by the Democratic National Convention, Wilkie said the United States desires to remain at peace and then added:—

"The new deal promises to keep us out of war. The third term candidate says that he hates war. He said on Sept. 11: 'I have one supreme determination — to do all I can to keep war away from these shores for all time.'"

"That is the promise. In the light of the record, I challenge it. The third term candidate has not kept faith with the American people. How are we to know that he will begin to keep it now?"

The Republican presidential nominee noted that "it was in this very auditorium that the third-term political machine staged some of its most brilliant effects."

"It was here on this very platform that Senator Lister Hill, of Alabama, placed the name of the third-term candidate in nomination."

"It was here that the voice of the Commissioner of Sewers boomed out its cry for a third term."

"It was here that the name of Thomas Jefferson was boomed, and the protesting voices of men who had long been honored in the Democratic party were drowned out by the organized henchmen of the Kelly-Nash machine."

"Nearly in the 27th ward headquarters, those self-styled Liberals, Harry Hopkins and Harold Ickes, conferred with bosses Kelly, Hague and Flynn — behind bullet-proof windows."

Turning again to the international situation, Wilkie said he wished to make "a solemn promise" that "the responsibility of government known as foreign affairs will be protected by me from partisan politics."

"To fill the post of Secretary of State," he said, "I shall choose the ablest man in the United States on foreign affairs. I shall choose him for his knowledge, his ability, and his integrity—and not for any other considerations."

"We shall send out to represent us in the capitals of the world ambassadors chosen for their diplomatic qualifications. It is safer to keep the playboys right here in America."

"I pledge you that our party will not pay off its financial obligations with the safety of the American people by appointing spring-time ambassadors. I have never owed any man that much, and I never shall."

Mr. Roosevelt, he said, broke 1932 platform promises to preserve a sound currency, restore international trade, reduce taxes and end unemployment.

Saying that "the third term candidate has accused me of deliberately falsifying the record," Wilkie asserted:—

"Nobody is falsifying anything. The truth is that the new deal's failure has cost the American people billions upon billions of dollars. We have stopped growing. Our national income is less. Our farmers get less. More than 9,000,000 of our citizens are without jobs. We have little equipment for our army, and we have only a few hundred modern military airplanes."

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Before the outbreak of the war, Wilkie said, the United States was next to the bottom in industrial recovery among 18 nations.

He admitted that a baseball team remains for years "in last place or close to it, it does not take the customers long to figure out what is wrong."

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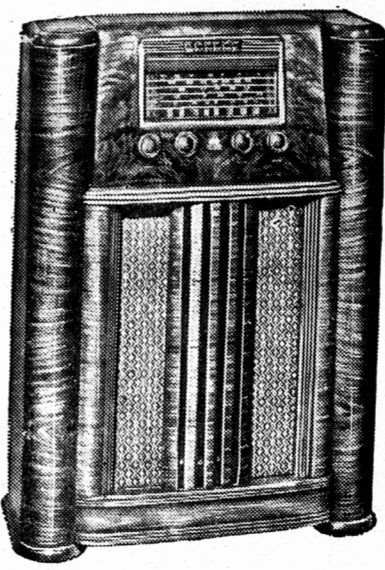
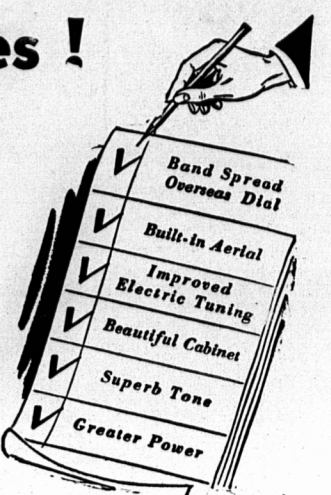
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U.S. Takes Over 110 Planes Built For Sweden

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Over a hundred and ten pursuit and bomber planes manufactured for Sweden were requisitioned by the United States government today on the ground that they are needed for national defence.

Announcing the action, the State Department said that "appropriate authorities had sought to purchase the planes from the Swedish government but when this attempt failed they had decided to requisition them under an executive order issued by President Roosevelt October 15."

The planes, the statement said, were required by the army air corps. The department added that Sweden had protested the requisitioning through its legation here.

The planes are 60 type P-1 single seater pursuit ships and 50 2-PA single seater bombers complete with engines, spare parts and accessories.

They were ordered by the Swedish government in 1938, from the Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, N.Y., and are still at the manufacturers' plant.

The State Department announcement said that the administrator of export control had previously determined that exportation of these planes to Sweden "would be contrary to the interests of the national defence."

In reply to the Swedish protest, State Secretary Cordell Hull wrote that "the interests of the National Defence have made it necessary for this government to refuse to issue licenses authorizing the exportation of war materials to Sweden."

U. S. Navy Dips Into Reserves

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The United States Navy is dipping with increasing frequency into its reservoir of reserves and retired officers to help man the naval establishment ashore and keep regular personnel free for duty with the expanding fleet.

Bank of the 200,000 officers and men in the regular navy and marine corps is a pool of 76,000 officers and men in various reserve groups and on the retired officers' list.

All of these, except 1,500 of the 3,500 of retired officers, who are disqualified by extreme age or extreme physical disabilities, are subject to call for active duty in an emergency.

Already some 2,250 officers of the naval reserve, 450 of the marine corps reserve and 900 retired officers have been placed on active duty on a voluntary basis.

Furthermore, the navy has called up most of the 14,000 men of its fleet reserve, an organization of former enlisted men.

The organized reserve, comprising officers and men who have received a retained-in-peace-time for drilling regularly together, are being ordered to duty gradually on a compulsory basis.

Two hundred fifty girls in a factory in Chapel-en-la-Frith, England, voted to go without stockings and put the money thus saved into National Savings.

Says Militia Recruits Will Be "Better Men"

CORNWALL, Ont., Oct. 22.—(CP)—Recruits called into the non-permanent active militia will go home better men after their 90-day training period and the country as a whole will benefit from their instruction, Defence Minister Ralston said today, after inspecting the military training centre here.

It was Col. Ralston's first visit to one of the 39 training centres established to provide an introduction into military life for men called up under the National Resources Mobilization Act. He was impressed with the keenness and smartness of the young men of 21, 22 and 23 years of age whom he saw going through their paces on the parade ground, and eating a substantial mid-day dinner in their mess.

"Your progress is truly remarkable," he told the recruits after his inspection in company with Major-General H. D. G. Crerar, chief of the general staff, and Brig. Logic Armstrong, officer commanding military district No. 3. They were escorted by Lt.-Col. R. Larose, officer commanding the training centre.

Leon Chevrier, Liberal member of parliament for Stormont, was also present.

The minister told the men they were part of a new movement in Canada, one which had begun very quickly as was evidenced by the fact that the drill hall for the centre was still under construction. It was good to know that the manpower part of the movement was right up to schedule.

"I know that your training here will do you good and will do Canada good," he said. "The smartness and the neatness and the discipline you will learn here will make you walk with your chin up and your stomachs pulled in, and that is the way Canadians want to walk, while looking the world in the eye."

May Expel Polish Minister From Rumania

BUDAPEST, Oct. 22.—(CP)—German dispatches today predicted the expulsion from Rumania of the Polish ambassador, Count Boger Raczyński, for allegedly taking part in a plot to release Joseph Beck, former Polish foreign minister who has been interned in Rumania since the Germans overran Poland.

These dispatches claimed numerous employees of the Polish legation were arrested by Bucharest police in connection with Beck's break for freedom.

One German report claimed Raczyński obtained 2,000,000 lei from Polish officials in London to finance Beck's escape, and that he also took part in a so-called "English sabotage plot" against Rumanian oil fields. Beck, the report claimed, offered 1,500,000 lei to Rumanian police for his release.

The Germans said he is now held on attempted bribery.

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Communiques From Egypt

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A British naval communique said Tuesday night:— "Early this morning enemy aircraft again dropped bombs in the neighborhood of Alexandria. Very slight material damage was caused. The only casualty was one person slightly injured."

LONDON, Oct. 22.—(CP)—The Air Ministry issued the following communique Tuesday:— "Between Sabun and Buebug, aircraft of the R. A. F., carried out a

series of low level attacks (Monday). Enemy working parties and motor transport were hit, number of military vehicles were destroyed by fire and others severely damaged.

"In Eritrea several raids were carried out by R. A. F. bombers on Asmara and Gura. Tanks near workshops were hit and other bombs fell on buildings, starting fires."

"Two raids were made on Bahar Dar (Lake Tana) in Italian East Africa. Bombs fell on the wharf and also on two large sheds on the airfield, causing three explosions. "At Tessonet direct hits were registered on buildings."

An Italian S-79 bomber was intercepted over the Red Sea by R.A.F. aircraft and chased for 30 miles. When last seen the enemy craft was losing height rapidly and emitting thick black smoke from its fuselage.

"An enemy destroyer in the Red Sea was attacked by R.A.F. bomb-

ers and a direct hit was registered on its stern.

"In a recent engagement over the Kenya-Abyssinia frontier a fighter aircraft of the South African air force shot down an Italian bomber, the crew of which was taken prisoner. A number of enemy planes over Malta yesterday made off without attempting to attack when they were intercepted by our fighters."

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Australia To Have War Council

CANBERRA, Oct. 22.—(CP-REUTERS)—A conference of managers of Australian political parties today accepted a Labor proposal for formation of a War Council over

which Prime Minister R. G. Menzies will preside.

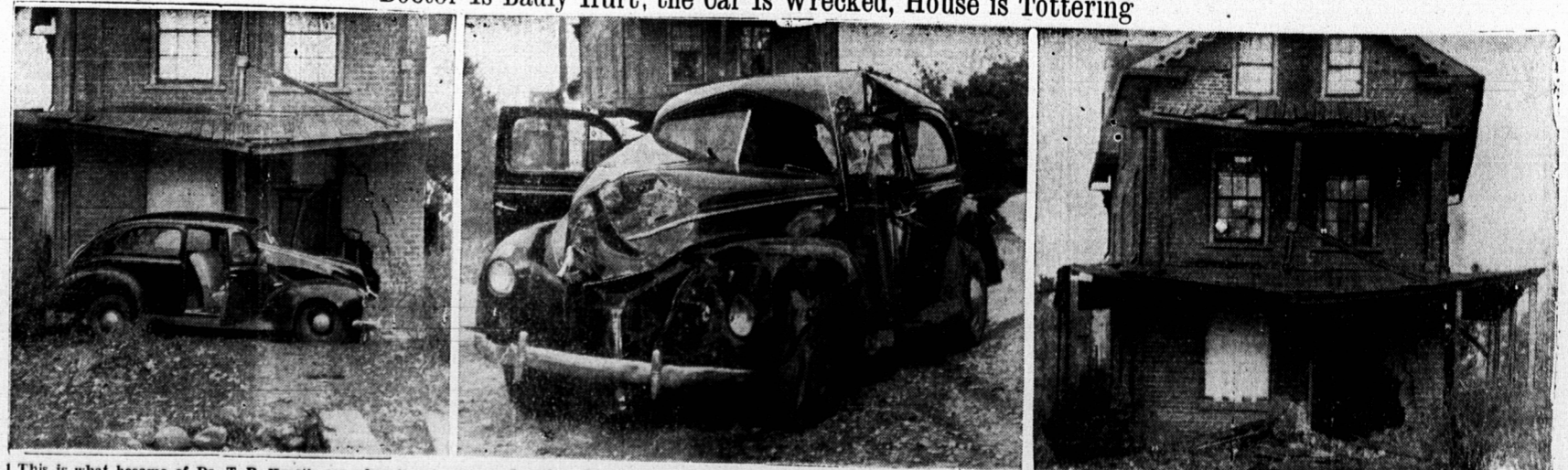
The Council will include four government members and four from the opposition. Its purpose will be to assist and advise in the Commonwealth's war effort.

Labor agreed to place the services of its individual members at the disposal of the minister for the prosecution of the war.

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Doctor Is Badly Hurt, the Car Is Wrecked, House is Tottering



1 This is what became of Dr. T. P. Keast's car when it got out of Junction, Ont. 2. Here's a close-up of the twisted crumpled wreck. Its driver, an Elora doctor, suffered serious head injuries and probable skull fracture. The car clipped off a pump before smashing into 3. The house. 3. Bricks crumbled, verandas buckled, uprights toppled, when the plunging auto hit the house, belonging to George Prior R.R. 5, Guelph. Here's how the house looked.

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