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NAZIS SEND 1,000 PLANES IN AERIAL "BLITZ" ON BRITAIN

Rumored Britain Offers Sea Bases For Destroyers

Unconfirmed Stories Say U. S. Would Get Long-term Lease For 50 Old War Craft.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—(AP)—Great Britain, seeking additional weapons to combat the Nazis, was reported today to be offering to lease certain naval base sites in the western hemisphere to the United States in return for 50 or more old destroyers.

These reports circulated in congressional quarters as Senator Joseph P. Kamp (Dem.-Okla.) told the Senate the transfer of the vessels ought to be made in the interest of American defense.

Lee, who visited the White House during the day, argued that the transfer can be made without further congressional action, a point said to have been involved in the latest British request for destroyers.

Usually reliable sources said they had been informed that the proposed lease has been transmitted to the White House and is under study there.

They said it involved an offer by Great Britain to lease 50 years' use of British possessions in the western hemisphere that would be suitable for United States naval and air bases to protect the Panama Canal and to guard the United States against any invasion from the Atlantic. Britain was pictured as reluctant to give up sovereignty over any of its possessions.

Although there was no official comment on this proposal, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau told his press conference that Britain had made repeated appeals for destroyers. He declined to comment when he was asked if Britain had offered to trade island possessions for warships.

The exact question involved appeared to be whether such a transfer of naval vessels can be accomplished without congressional action—even if the administration decides to take such a step. Lee contended it can and there were reports that the White House has received an opinion from the attorney-general to this effect.

The Oklahoma Senator told the Senate that all that is needed to give the way for Great Britain to obtain the destroyers is for the Chief of Naval Operations (Admiral Harold R. Stark) to certify that the vessels are not needed for American defenses.

Axis Partners Fail To Make Good Boasts

By D. E. BURRITT
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LONDON, Aug. 15—(CP Cable)—Hitler and Mussolini failed to occupy the high-backed chairs reserved for them at a gay tea-dance staged today by the Empire Servicemen Overseas League "to celebrate the non-arrival of Hitler and Mussolini, according to plan."

This was the day the dictators, according to the Nazi propaganda, were to arrive in a conquered Britain, when a German governor was to have sat on the throne in Buckingham Palace. The tea-dance was one of the ways untroubled Britain observed the occasion.

Lord and Lady Willingdon, who came to the party with three Pomeranians on a leash, welcomed the guests at the League's club-room. A large number of Canadian troops and airmen attended the "celebration" of the non-arrival.

While Lord Willingdon, former Governor-General of Canada, was telling the men at the tea how nice it was to have representatives at the party from all over the empire, a messenger carrying the uniform of the "Spiffie Cable Company" entered with two cables.

Norsemen Add Thrilling Story To Sea Exploits

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Aug. 15—(CP Cable)—A group of Norsemen, with no navigational aids except a chart and a wrist watch, four Norwegian—three of them students—recently completed a 41-day crossing of the Atlantic in an 18-foot boat.

The four, a sailor and three demobilized soldiers, who had never before been to sea, fought storms and shortage of water and food on the 3,500-mile voyage in an old vessel propelled only by sails and oars.

When they finally arrived here, safely out of the grasp of not only German conquerors, they had no food beyond a few sardine biscuits. Their ration had run short long before they left Kristianfjord.

Two days after setting sail, they had run into a hurricane, and their compass was washed overboard. They were seen in sight of their homeland. From then on, they used a wrist watch to determine their position, and a circummeridian, and somehow managed to pick off their course on a chart that was aboard the boat when they caught it.

They had an engine in the boat, but they found it impossible to get gasoline before they sailed. After that, they touched up on a few three days ago, they sighted the coast of Newfoundland, and head winds prevented them from making land. Their frail craft bobbed like cork in heavy seas until a favorable wind came up today and led them ashore for this port.

Before the war, the large soldiers were office hands. They were called up when Germany invaded Norway, and when they were demobilized they decided to try their fortune in the new world, free from Nazi oppression.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—Hundreds of planes fight as German bombers roar over London, attack Croydon airport and Thames docks and concentrate on airbases from northeast Scotland to southwest Wales with Dover and Folkestone as particular targets; R.A.F. shoots down 144 German planes, loses 27; parachute forces found yesterday in midlands and Scotland dropped by Germans as hoax, officials state.

CAIRO—Italian capture of pass carrying Behera, capital of British Somaliland, after a four-day siege, announced.

ATHENS—Greek cruiser Helle torpedoed and sunk by unidentified submarine in Aegean Sea; Greeks fear rupture with Italy momentarily; communication between Greece and Rome cut off; Greek ships held in port; Greek steamship Apperli, with 400 passengers aboard, reported seized by Italian warship.

LONDON—House of Commons indulges in last year's Prime Minister Churchill withholds information of Fifth Columnists.

CROYDON AIRPORT IS ATTACKED

Dive Bombers Stage a Lightning Raid on Field Near London.

By Pat Usher
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Aug. 15—(CP Cable)—The even tempo of London's life was interrupted by an air raid warning tonight as Nazi dive bombers staged a lightning attack on Croydon airport eight miles from the heart of the metropolis.

The warning came as many of the city's workers still were en route home. It slackened but it did not halt the flow of traffic. Buses and trams continued to operate.

But when darkness fell the blackout was even more rigid than usual. The customary dim inside lights which enable bus passengers to avoid tripping over their fellow-travellers were dimmed.

A large number of the Fleet Street area during the alarm period showed it almost bare of pedestrians though a few curious bystanders gazed skyward. There was nothing to see except the silvery balloons against the sky.

Planes were neither heard nor sighted.

Planes emptied quickly and propellers ceased their whirring. Shelters emptied and workers resumed their interrupted homeward journeys.

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Mail Airliner Plane Makes Second Trip

BOUCHERVILLE, Que., Aug. 15—(CP)—The big British overseas always mail airliner plane made here this afternoon long enough to discharge four passengers, including Capt. H. H. Balfour, British Under-Secretary for Air, and then continued her unannounced flight to New York.

Her commander, Captain J. P. Kirton, described this second empire ocean mail flight of the year as "uneventful."

Captain Balfour spoke briefly to newspapermen on the landing stage and then boarded a Royal Canadian Air Force flying boat which took him to Ottawa. There he will discuss various phases of the Commonwealth Training scheme with representatives of the Canadian government. In a couple of days he will go on to Washington to discuss matters.

He was expected to be on board the plane when she makes her return trip.

Other passengers in the flying boat were W. W. Wakefield, Parliamentary Private Secretary to Capt. Balfour; Sir Henry Tizard, Chairman of the British Aeronautical Research Committee at London; and group Captain P. L. Pearce, Sir Henry's assistant.

Sir Henry and group Capt. Pearce, will serve in a temporary advisory capacity to the Canadian National Research Council in studying methods of aircraft manufacture. They will also visit Washington.

"The R.A.F. is on the top line and our people in the United Kingdom have their tails up," declared Capt. Balfour. He said that "just before I left London yesterday" he had studied reports from the British Intelligence which showed that the Royal Air Force was taking a big toll of material damage and snuffing the morale of the people in Germany.

He paid a compliment to Empire pilots who made special reference to the ally bases of Germans accounted for by Canadians. He called the Empire Training scheme "a wonderful inception which is going to be a decisive factor in winning the war."

Toll Of Enemy Downed Reaches New High Of 144

Naval Gunfire Reported Early Today. Britons Wait Hourly For Attempt To Land Troops On Shores

LONDON, Aug. 16—(Friday)—(CP)—Britain's air defenders brought down 144 Nazi raiders Thursday, the Air Ministry announced today, following the biggest air attack in history executed by an armada of more than 1,000 German planes which struck eight miles from the heart of London and caused damage from the Scottish border to Land's End.

Enemy planes came back after midnight over the midlands and northeastern and southwestern England. Explosions were heard in the southwest and residents of one town there detected a continuous rumbling some thought might be naval shellfire.

The rattle of machine-gun fire was heard and flashes lit the sky as bombs fell in northeastern England. Some whistling bombs were dropped. The pre-dawn raiders roared over the midlands in small waves.

Incendiary as well as whistling high explosive bombs were dropped in the midlands. Fires started in two neighboring districts but they were quickly controlled and the damage was slight.

Little Success, High Cost

"Little success at high cost," were the words used by the Ministry of Home Security in summing up the day of fierce warfare in the skies.

In the last fury of the fighting, as dusk was falling, planes plunged in smoke-trailing death dives at a rate of one a minute.

Downing of 144 raiders dwarfed previous figures for the successive assaults since last Sunday. Yesterday's fierce air battles overshadowed earlier mass raids and observers said they marked a new point in what they believed was a gradual building up to unlimited war in the sky—a stepping up of tempo in the first stage of the battle of Britain.

What Britain's losses would amount to actually in dead and wounded, splintered homes and smashed buildings remained to be determined. Losses for the day were fixed at 27.

London echoed with the banshee wail of alarm sirens as the Nazis came close about the great city, heart of the Empire.

Dive-bombers screamed down within a few hundred feet of the ground to dump tons of explosives at the Croydon Airport in the suburbs eight miles south of Charing Cross in mid-London.

Other raiders smashed at objectives down the Thames from London.

Joint Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announcements said that although one person was killed and many injured in homes and factories in the densely settled section around Croydon, little damage was done to the airport itself.

Other reports of damage and casualties came from Hastings on the southeast coast—landing place of the last invasion of England 1,000 years ago—from the naval base at Portland, towns of the southwest and coastal cities of the northeast and from industrial Rochester.

British Mystery Weapon

British military men kept a tight-lipped silence about details of Britain's own "mystery weapon"—a plane trap said to have played an "efficient and formidable" role in blocking the Nazi attacks.

The Press Association said the trap was Britain's "latest hush-hush defence weapon"—a strict military secret at least for the present.

There were reports that at least one German bomber had been caught in the trap. However, the official breakdown of the listing of enemy planes bagged showed:—

Brought down by British fighter planes, 130; by anti aircraft, 11; by infantry soldiers (apparently with rifle fire), two; by a Lewis machine-gun crew, one.

The toll in the daybreak-to-dusk battles brought to 708 the number of German planes shot out of the sky since the start of mass raids last June 18.

It was estimated that in the week ending today the Nazis have lost 411 planes to Britain's 101.

Every indication was that the hour of the great test was approaching.

The Royal Air Force, defending this kingdom from such a blow as never was struck before, loosed every untried gun in its fighter force and crippled airplanes fell steadily on English soil.

Foreign Planes Again Over Switzerland

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 16—(Friday)—(AP)—London and foreign airplanes were again over the Swiss Alps today, according to reports from the Swiss government. The Swiss high command yesterday ordered anti-aircraft batteries to fire on foreign air trespassers.

The first alarm was heard in Berne at 11:28 p. m. yesterday (7:28 p. m. A.D.T.) and an all clear signal sounded at 11:47 p. m.

Berne had an alarm from 1:35 a. m. today to 1:45 a. m.

Berne sirens sounded a second warning at 1:19 a. m. and the all clear signal this time did not come until 2:01 a. m.

Lawyers Will Try To Get Houde Out

MONTREAL, Aug. 15—(CP)—Leonard Trempanier, Montreal lawyer, said tonight that he and a "few lawyers" were planning to present a writ on habeas corpus before the Quebec superior court in an effort to free Mayor Camille Houde from Montreal from an internment camp.

Trempanier said the writ would be served on two persons who have the person of Mr. Houde in custody. He did not reveal the names of colleagues.

Mayor Houde was interned Aug. 5 after he had issued a statement opposing national registration.

BALL PLAYERS WHO HAVE A SCREW LOOSE SHOULD EXPECT TO GET RATTLED



TORONTO, Aug. 15—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	43	74
Vancouver	52	69
Regina	45	75
Winnipeg	63	59
Toronto	61	80
Ottawa	54	82
Montreal	58	77
Quebec	52	72
Saint John	51	76
Halifax	51	72
Charlottetown	50	67

FORECAST
Maritime Provinces: Moderate winds, fair with stationary or a little higher temperature.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and warm in southern and eastern Ontario with thunder-showers in the Lake Superior district and Manitoba. Comparatively cool weather prevails in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

High tide this morning at 9:04 and tonight at 10:25.
Sun sets this evening at 7:06 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:04.
Full moon Aug. 17, 7:02 p. m.
Summer time 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS
Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 1:00 P. M., 4:15 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 8:15 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 3:15 P. M., 6:20 P. M. (A. S. T.)

SUNDAY SERVICE
June 16th to September 8th inclusive—
Leaves Borden 9 A. M., 7 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine, 19:15 A. M., 8:10 P. M. (A. S. T.)

Investigator Enroute To St. Eleanor's

Will Investigate Tie-up Of Truckmen, Ottawa Announces.

OTTAWA, Aug. 15—(CP)—The Dominion Department of Labor has sent an investigator to Summerside, P.E.I., where drivers of 30 or 40 trucks engaged in hauling gravel to St. Eleanor's airport went on strike yesterday demanding higher pay, a department official said today.

OTTAWA, Aug. 15—(CP)—Four strikes, including one at Summerside, P.E.I., which are holding up work on Government war contracts are receiving the attention of the Dominion Labor Department, an official said here tonight.

Largest tie-up of industry is at Campbellford, Ont., where 400 spinners and weavers of the Campbellford Cotton Cloth Co., stopped work yesterday.

About 200 members of the Renfrew (Ont.) Woollen Mills employees' organization went on strike yesterday and at nearby Arnprior, 150 employees of the Rossmore Woollen Co. are picketing the plant.

The Department is also concerned with a strike of 30 or 40 truck drivers at Summerside, which had been engaged in hauling gravel to nearby St. Eleanor's airport, the official said.

Canadian Downs Bomber On First Try

LONDON, Aug. 15—(CP)—A big bomber and its crew of four fell before the accurate fire of Sopht. Ldr. Ernest McNab, commander of a Royal Canadian Air Force formation, on his first combat flight today.

The air fighter from Regina was the first member of the Canadian Air Force to go into action in this war. He was out with a Royal Air Force formation of Hurricanes at the time, "gaining battle experience" as he put it.

The British "sky terriers" had been patrolling the Thames Estuary only a short time when they spotted a wave of Nazi twin-engine fighters and bombers. The latter was the water gateway to London.

LONDON—British announces armed merchant cruiser Transylvania, 1,623 tons, torpedoed by German submarine, between 30 and 40 men believed lost.

Lobstermen To Protest To Gov't

Seek Increased Rate For Portion Of Pack Taken Over By Federal Government.

General dissatisfaction with the present arrangement for marketing lobsters through the Dominion Department of Fisheries was expressed at a large and enthusiastic meeting of packers and buyers from all over the province held in the Charlottetown Board of Trade Rooms yesterday afternoon.

The Federal Government had agreed to take over this season's lobster pack to the amount of 55,000 cases at \$18.00 per case. About the first of April a size limit of six and one half inches was imposed, which would curtail the pack by at least 30 per cent, it was explained.

The real grievance, however, was the rigid grading regulations imposed by the Government whereby no lobsters made the Class A and B grades, but mostly all in Grade C and C minus. Some were turned down altogether. It was further explained that under the regulations the packer must sign an affidavit that he had paid the fisherman \$5.25 per 100 pounds for the lobsters. The price paid for the Grade C lobsters being only \$16.

The packers present claimed they could not continue to operate at this rate.

It was suggested by several of the packers and buyers present that the Government be asked to give a bonus of from \$2 to \$4 a case to offset the loss of the British market and allow the business to be carried on as usual through the regular channels.

Delegation Appointed
A delegation consisting of Mr. George W. MacLeod, Charlottetown, representing the buyers, Hon. J. P. McIntyre, St. Peters, representing the independent buyers and Mr. C. P. McCarthy, Tignish, representing the co-operatives, was appointed to go to Ottawa and press the Government for a change in the system of marketing. A resolution was drawn up containing instructions to the delegation. The text of this resolution appears below.

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*Try These For Flavour "SALADA" *TEA BAGS

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