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SEA WARFARE FEARS AT WIDELY SEPARATED POINTS

British Warships On Guard From Africa To Arctic

Expanded Blockade Went Into Effect At Midnight.

LONDON, July 31.—(AP)—Great Britain, backed by her heritage of naval supremacy, extended her blockade of the continent tonight with a guard of warships reaching from murky Arctic seas to the white beaches of North Africa.

By an order in council, putting the expanded blockade into effect at midnight, Britain raised barriers of sea power and red tape to cut off all Atlantic European commerce likely to impair the Empire's war effort.

Spain and Portugal were chiefly affected. Britain is determined that these countries shall not become a base for the shipment of supplies to Germany and Italy.

After midnight all non-British shipping companies have to use navvies—a sort of British passport—for approved cargoes to get through the Arctic-to-Africa blockade line.

Shippers otherwise will be denied such services as coaling, drying and insurance facilities at British ports around the world and may find difficulty even in getting water at those points.

The object is to deter neutral shipping from any attempts to run the blockade.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare said the new system would eliminate contraband control bases set at the start of the war.

In a comparative respite, from German air attacks—probably due to poor flying conditions—Britons took stock of their situation in this "night little" which now is a virtual fortress.

The Ministry of Shipping, Ronald H. Cross, declared in an Empire broadcast that Britain is prepared for sudden changes in her port arrangements and confirmed that some of the busiest pre-war harbors now are nearly idle, while normal traffic in others is displaced by war commerce.

Britain expects to surmount all such changes, however, Mr. Cross said, adding that the country is prepared to meet any such changes.

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Building Contracts In Canada Up

TORONTO, July 31.—(CP)—Building contracts awarded in Canada in the first seven months of 1940 totalled \$154,741,163, an increase of 43.6 per cent over the corresponding months of 1939, according to figures compiled by Maclean Building Reports, Limited.

GAYDA SAYS INVASION PLAN IS REVISED

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—Although rumors of an immediate Nazi-Fascist invasion of Britain have been common thick and fast from the Swiss whispering gallery, there is a touch of authority and realism about a conflicting forecast from Rome.

Virginia Gayda, Fascist editor and frequent mouthpiece for Mussolini, has too recently demonstrated his access to Nazi-Fascist high policy decisions to be taken lightly. He foretold the Hitler "appeal-to-reason" gesture a week or two in advance.

Gayda now warns his Italian readers that a "spectacular" Blitzkrieg involving a mass invasion of Britain is not to be expected because it is not feasible.

In accord with Churchill's statement, Gayda is in full harmony with British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

Mr. Churchill has explained that the failure of the British fleet to prevent German invasion of Norway was due to factors of distance, which made it impracticable to supplement naval vessels with sufficient air units to make a blockade effective.

But in the (English) Channel and in the North Sea on the other hand, our (naval) forces will operate with close and effective air assistance," he added.

The great question is—can we break Mr. Hitler's air weapon? was the way Churchill sums it up.

That still is the question. Nor do Swiss reports that Hitler has ordered the Atlantic fleet to heavy air reinforcements lessen its force. It is also thought in Gayda's mind in warning that a repetition of the attacks on Holland, Belgium and France is not feasible.

Gayda warning also serves to point up anew the fact that the Nazi war bulletins have been giving Hitler's staggering ship losses in the recent civil war, implying that the bombing attacks on the island itself.

The Nazi high command believes its own claims of British sea tonnage destroyed and port facilities wrecked along England's east coast need only intensify the attack at sea and await the certain end. Invasion would be a needless and risky business.

Will Magnify Food Scheme

It cannot be doubted that London reports of schemes for community cooking to conserve food and decrease feeding crisis will be seized upon by the Nazi-Fascist press to huddle on a hillcrest: "We've made good use of the pause Hitler afforded us and we intend to take advantage of every moment at our disposal to prepare ourselves for the task assigned us. If he comes tomorrow we shall be ready for him. And once we have driven the enemy from England, we shall chase him and defeat him on his own soil. Some of you may yet realize the hope of marching into Berlin."

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Germans Lost 240 Planes, 600 Airmen In July

LONDON, Aug 1.—(Thursday)—(CP)—High flying German raiders pelted southeastern England today with heavy explosives and fire bombs, some of them falling in towns.

Other raiders were heard over northeast coastal cities but no bombs were dropped there.

One incendiary bomb smashed through a roof and into a bedroom, spreading flames which were extinguished quickly. Heavy explosions shook communities along the repeatedly bombed coast.

(Dispatches from Belfast said that heavy gunfire and the sound of airplane engines were heard yesterday by residents of Northern Ireland, but they could see no planes. The gunfire lasted half an hour, the dispatches said.)

Nazi airmen dropped their cargoes near where three German planes were believed to have been shot down late last night. Ground guns and Royal Air Force pilots fought the Germans also over southwest England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

German raids during July cost the Nazis 240 planes and 600 airmen, the Air Ministry announced—an estimated loss of \$15,000,000 worth of aircraft.

In fierce fighting over the southeast coast last night, one German raider was reported to have crashed near the coast and two others farther inland.

Hitler's Legions In For Headaches From Canadians

(By Edwin Johnson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, July 31.—(CP) Units of the Canadian 1st Division, familiar with every detail and contour of the terrain in which they are operating, made it patently clear today that Hitler is in for a "load of headaches" if he attempts to break through their sector.

Pursuing tactics employed before launching of a major assault in the last war, the Canadians went through yet another rehearsal under conditions approximating as closely as possible those they expect to face in an actual invasion.

Ready For Hitler

As Maj.-Gen. G. R. Peakes after the exercises remarked to his men huddled on a hillcrest: "We've made good use of the pause Hitler afforded us and we intend to take advantage of every moment at our disposal to prepare ourselves for the task assigned us. If he comes tomorrow we shall be ready for him. And once we have driven the enemy from England, we shall chase him and defeat him on his own soil. Some of you may yet realize the hope of marching into Berlin."

The "pep talk" from the General Officer Commanding the 1st Division came after a spirited engagement in which seasoned troops from a famous regiment recruited in Winnipeg and Victoria faced an enemy landing and counter-attack, the opposing forces supported by selected units of artillery, tanks, Bren gun carriers, machine-guns and anti-tank formations. The spectacle primarily was staged to stress the interdependence of defending forces.

"Zero Hour"

As the zero hour fell, the de-

U. S. CLAMPS EMBARGO ON AVIATION GAS

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt clamped an embargo today on shipments of aviation gasoline from the United States to points outside the western hemisphere.

An announcement released at the White House explained that the move was in "the interests of national defense."

It said Colonel R. L. Maxwell, Administrator of Export Control, had recommended the step and that Mr. Roosevelt had approved it.

The Commerce Department said immediately that the order virtually would shut off the aviation gasoline export business of the United States since Europe took 1,076,236 barrels of the 1,164,343 shipped out of the United States during the first six months of 1940.

Among the customers during that period, France bought 515,515 barrels and the United Kingdom 304,196. Much smaller shipments went to Sweden, Finland, Norway, Netherlands, the Azores, Portugal and Germany.

Germany and Italy bought none. Japan and Russia, formerly good customers, have received practically no aviation gasoline since a "moral embargo" was imposed on them last year.

A single exception was made by the President in permitting exports of this type of gasoline to certain western hemisphere countries, including Japan, the Philippines, the Netherlands, and the United States.

The ban does not apply to the less volatile grades used in ground vehicles, such as tanks, trucks, and passenger cars.

It apparently would prevent British and other countries outside the western hemisphere from obtaining aviation gasoline through Canada or licensing countries because a licensing order would have access effective at midnight tonight.

It requires that applications for export of such fuel must state the country of ultimate destination.

However, it was not generally believed that Great Britain would suffer from the embargo since she is believed to have access to considerable supplies elsewhere as well as to American crude oil from which gasoline can be manufactured.

Declare N. Y. Daily News Story Untrue

LONDON, July 31.—(CP Cable)—Military sources here tonight termed "absolutely untrue" a report published in New York that a general order has been issued to army, navy and air force directing that in the event of invasion the rule shall be "no prisoners, no quarter, no mercy."

The statement that such an order had been issued appeared in the New York Daily News this morning. In an article purporting to review steps taken by Britain to beat back invasion.

The Daily News story said also that according to "inside information" from London War Office and Admiralty strategists "are convinced three-quarters of any force sent against Britain will be slaughtered before contact is made with the coast."

Nazi Raider Is Damaged Before Fleeing

Spirited Fight In So. Atlantic—British Sink Greek Tanker Supplying Italian Forces.

LONDON, July 31.—(CP)—Naval warfare, limited in recent weeks as the war in the air took increasing precedence, has flared again at points as wide apart as the Aegean Sea near Greece and the South Atlantic.

The Admiralty announced today that in the western hemisphere the armed merchant cruiser Alcantara engaged a German raider—believed to be one that has preyed in recent weeks on British shipping—and damaged her as she fled.

In the Aegean the Greek tanker Hermione, carrying 300 tons of petrol and 200 tons of lubricating oil for Italy, was sunk by British gunfire Sunday evening during an attack by Italian airplanes on British units.

On the debit side the Admiralty tonight announced the striking by Nazi air attack of the destroyer H.M.S. Delight, 1,375 tons, under command of M. M. Fogg-Elliott, D.S.O., R.N. Loss of life was small. The destroyer's normal complement was 145 men.

It is the 29th destroyer lost since war began, but Britain had 170 at that time and more have been completed since.

The Admiralty account of the fight in the South Atlantic waters was brief. It said that the Alcantara, under Capt. J.E.P. Ingham, D.S.O., R.N., sighted the raider, a fast merchant ship mounting four guns on each broadside.

Raider Turns Away

The Alcantara engaged her. As soon as she was hit the raider turned away, making use of smoke floats to hide her.

A spirited chase ensued. But a "lucky shot" from the raider reduced the Alcantara's speed and the raider got away.

"The damage sustained by H. M. S. Alcantara is slight," the Admiralty statement said. "The British casualties amounted to two killed and seven wounded."

The statement concluded: "The search for the raider is proceeding."

The Admiralty account of the incident in the Aegean said the Hermione was sunk only after Italian planes attacked the British units which had stopped the tanker.

The Greek tanker, under charter to the Italian Government and carrying oil and gasoline to the Aegean coast.

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News Briefs

LONDON, Aug. 1.—(Thursday)—(CP)—The Bremen and Hamburg radio stations faded out early today, indicating new British air raids over Germany.



TORONTO, July 31.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	37	68
Vancouver	55	89
Regina	62	86
Winnipeg	62	74
Toronto	64	78
Ottawa	61	74
Montreal	62	74
Quebec	64	67
Saint John	56	81
Halifax	59	—
Charlottetown	62	76

Maritime East: Moderately to fresh winds; partly cloudy, light scattered showers; not much change in temperature.

Local thundershowers have occurred in Manitoba today, while farther west the weather has been fair and warm. Fair, comparatively cool weather prevails in Ontario.

High tide this morning at 7:49 and tonight at 9:20. Sun sets this evening at 7:28 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:45.

New moon Aug. 4, 9 P. M. Summer months side 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS
Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 1:00 P. M., 4:45 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., 10:15 P. M. (A. S. T.)

Mutual Defence Treaty For U.S., Canada Urged

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (Thursday)—(CP)—The influential New York Herald Tribune advocated today a treaty of mutual defence between the United States and Canada.

In its leading editorial, the Herald Tribune said the United States "has its own special, and its own special, interest in the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine" should institute negotiations.

The status of Canada makes possible the signing of such a treaty without our involvement in the European war," it added.

"The signing of such a treaty would be a step toward a seven-year plan to establish a one-for-all and all-for-one treaty policy and thus bring about a new era of peace and stability in the Western Hemisphere."

But, though making no change in this country's status as a non-belligerent, the treaty could count heavily in preparation for a future that has now grown ominously close. Military conversations could be expressed by provided for and could proceed forthwith. The sort of confusion which helped doom Belgium could be avoided. By an exchange of information preparedness could be pursued upon a co-operative basis.

In conclusion the Herald Tribune said: "We offer the proposal as no strange or novel step in either American or Canadian policy. Kather would such a treaty be the logical and inevitable culmination of the long and friendly friendship between two peoples. As neighbors jointly threatened they would pledge their aid to another."

Germans Have French Traffic At Standstill

VICHY, France, July 31.—(AP)—The United States naval attaché, Commander Roscoe Hillenkoetter, was turned back today by Germans at Moulins when he tried to enter the occupied zone of France with a car loaded with mail for the United States embassy in Paris.

Spain Said Unwilling To Oppose Britain

MADRID, July 31.—(AP)—Strong suggestions were heard today that Spain is not willing to join with Germany and Italy against Britain.

Where two weeks ago the press heralded "dollar imperialism" at the United States—referring to affairs in Latin America—and had been outspokenly critical of Great Britain, these were among its reflections of Spanish feeling today.

The newspaper Arriba, an organ of the dominant Falangist party, called for economic aid, particularly from the United States, to rehabilitate Spain from the dislocations of the recent civil war, implying that the tasks of peace rather than war are uppermost here.

News of the extension of the British blockade to Spain was received without editorial comment, where normally it would have occasioned indignant articles, despite the country's critical gasoline shortage.

While the Spanish government has taken steps to reduce gasoline consumption by 30 to 40 per cent, experts estimated nevertheless that the country had on hand no more than a 30-day's supply for essential transport.

FARM JOBS WANTED

LONDON.—(CP)—A detailed study of the register of agricultural unemployed is being made as there are still many workers without jobs.

British, Italian Clash, Is Report From Kenya

NAIROBI Kenya Colony, July 31.—(CP)—Continued clashes between British troops and Italian forces driving into Kenya from Ethiopia were reported today by military headquarters.

"Strong enemy forces were encountered at Dohel, approximately 20 miles south of Moyale."

"After a sharp engagement, and having inflicted considerable losses on the enemy our troops broke off the action."

"Our aircraft carried out reconnaissances in this area today."

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