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BRITISH AIR OFFICIAL IN UNEXPECTED VISIT BITTER AIR BATTLE FOUGHT OVER FRANCE

N. Y. paper Calls U. S. to Declare war

NEW YORK, July 10—(AP)—In a front-page editorial addressed to the President and the Congress, the New York Post today calls on the United States to declare war immediately on Nazi Germany.

The editorial's heading stretched across the full width of the page, topping the day's news in the Post, an independent Democratic evening paper which has strongly endorsed every move made by President Roosevelt to support Great Britain.

The editorial goes on:—

"The United States is in fact in the war already. The American people sympathize with heroic Britain and would damn Nazism to the blackest pit. Our acts of official assistance to Britain have become a colossal offence beyond hope of pardon from a Hitler victor."

"Since this is our war, we must fight it with no hesitations in asking the British to give their lives while we only supply the bullets. That is like the rich draftees of our civil war days, hiring their substitutes."

By declaring war now, the Post asserted, "we lift the world from despair to a vision of peace—peace on our democratic terms, not on the terms of Hitler. It would be the end of doom to Hitler's unfortunates."

Lull Descends On Russian Battlefield

Red Army claims Reichswehr fought to standstill.

MOSCOW, July 11—(Friday)—(AP)—A lull descended on the Russian-German front early today for the first time after 18 days of titanic battles in which the Red army appears to have fought the Reichswehr to a standstill.

A communique early today said "nothing of consequence occurred" Thursday—an eastern front revival of the last war's historic phrase: "All quiet on the western front."

The communique gave a graphic description of the destruction of a German division in earlier fighting, indicating the fierceness of the Red army resistance which the Soviets say has squelched the blitzkrieg.

This German mechanized division, attempting to break through the right flank of a Russian position far west of Moscow, was routed, leaving 3,500 dead and wounded Germans on the field. About 2,400 Germans were captured.

The Russians said they also captured powerful Nazi batteries, numerous machine guns and automatic equipment in good condition.

The German division failed on its first try to dent the Soviet lines, then threw in more reserves and succeeded in piercing the Russian ranks temporarily, the communique said.

Arrival of Soviet reinforcements, however, trapped and routed the

Germans claim Capture 323,898 Soviets in war

BERLIN, July 10—(AP)—The German high command claimed tonight the capture of 323,898 Russian army prisoners. In what it termed the "greatest material and encirclement battle in world history" on the Bialystok-Minsk front in the first week of its attack on Russia, but maintained almost complete silence on the great campaign now unfolding in the east.

The Russians have dismissed these claims of vast Russian losses as "propaganda lies."

Tonight's announcement recapitulated an alleged entrapment first claimed on June 29, seven days after the campaign began.

As for the current progress of the Russian campaign this was the first straight day in which the high command made no claim. Its communique merely said the campaign in the east is progressing relentlessly.

Says no reason For raising Conscription issue

(By C. R. Blackburn, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WINNIPEG, July 10—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King today expressed hope that his efforts of the past three weeks had, so far as the present recruiting campaign was concerned, "served to remove any excuse for raising in Canada the issue of conscription for service overseas."

Addressing a joint luncheon of the Board of Trade and Canadian Club, the Prime Minister answered critics, mentioning particularly opposition leader Hanson, who had declared he should have gone to the front instead of touring Canada at this time.

"When the appropriate time comes for me to visit Britain I shall be able to speak with an authority greater than would otherwise have been possible, of the magnificent effort of the Canadian people," he said.

The Prime Minister repeated the warning he has given throughout the west—that unless Britain triumphs and the Atlantic is kept secure, an invasion of the North American continent was inevitable.

He described the armed and industrial effort of the Dominion, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He left tonight to return directly to Ottawa.

Mr. King did not go into detail of these commitments but said Canadian soldiers and sailors are working together with United States forces in defence of that northern outpost.

Today's program was the final event of Mr. King's tour which started in Ottawa June 24 and has taken him to many points on the Pacific coast, in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He left tonight to return directly to Ottawa.

13 German Planes are Shot down

Six Enemy Ships Destroyed; British Carry Air War To Italy.

LONDON, July 10—(CP)—The Royal Air Force's Blenheim bombers and their fighter escorts fought the hardest air battles in several weeks over France today, losing 13 planes while destroying 13 German fighters and sinking six German coastal ships of 20,000 tons, the air ministry announced tonight.

These fierce engagements followed a night in which the R. A. F. carried the war back to Italy with an attack on the Naples area. Other night squadrons attacked Aachen, important German industrial city near the Netherlands border, and the pilots said factories were set ablaze and the railway junction was torn by 12 explosions. Another large force bombed Osnabruck; still others raided Bielefeld, Muenster and the Ostend docks on the Belgian coast.

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International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

MOSCOW — Russia reports troops on vast front after its troops annihilate one German division and defeat another.

BERLIN — Nazis claim that first week of war (June 22-29) resulted in 323,898 Russian prisoners taken in battle of Bialystok and Minsk.

LONDON — Col. Moore-Brabazon, Aircraft Production Minister, promises Berlin will be bombed harder than London ever was hit.

VICHA — Fighting still goes on in Syria and Lebanon. (British says Germans are muddying the situation and that Vichy forces were offered generous armistice terms.)

Cost of living Shows advance

OTTAWA, July 10—(CP)—The cost-of-living index for Canada, based on prices as of June 1, advanced 11 points from May 1 to 119.5 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported tonight.

The index is figured on the base of 1939=100. The advance shown at June 1 "an unusual increase" was due largely to the food index which rose from 114.4 to 119.7, said the Bureau.

Sharply higher bacon prices and substantial advances for fresh pork and other meats combined with lesser advances for cereals, eggs, vegetables and other food to produce the rise.

Between May 1 and June 1 other group indexes moved as follows: fuel and light from 109.2 to 110.2, clothing from 114.5 to 114.9, home furnishings and services from 111.4 to 112.1 and miscellaneous items from 105.1 to 105.6.

Rents were unchanged from 109.7. Kingston's bureau report was seen as of particular importance because it is on the cost-of-living index that cost-of-living bonuses to employees are based.

The government order stipulates that where cost-of-living bonuses are paid according to government scale they should be \$1.25 a week to each employee for every five-point rise in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index.

Where employers have given wage increases since September, 1939, the base for determining cost-of-living bonuses is the index at the time the last increase came into effect.

On May 1 the index was 109.4 or 8.6 points increase since the outbreak of war.

The Board of Conciliation which recently made the award for Canadian railway workers had before it July the April 1 index which was a 7.7 increase and that figure was used in recommending a bonus of \$1.93 a week.

AWARDED TO GERMAN

LONDON — (CP) — Wolfgang I. Piesner, young German refugee, won the Matthew Kirtley scholarship to Manchester University in competition against boys from schools all over Britain. The scholarship is one of the two highest awards made by the University this year.

Montreal-bound Bomber Lands At Local Airport

Captain H. H. Balfour, under-secretary for air to tour R. A. F. schools in Canada; Continues flight today.

Captain Harold H. Balfour, London, Eng., member of the British House of Commons and Undersecretary for Air in Britain, in company with seven other British and Canadian Government officials and a crew of four landed at the Charlottetown Airport shortly before dusk last evening, after a flight from the British Isles. They were en route to Montreal but fearing that it would be impossible to reach there safely before dark nosed the large four-engine, Liberator American-type bomber down on the local airport making their first landing in Canada.

Captain Balfour, interviewed shortly after arriving, said that he was in Canada about air training matters in connection with the Royal Air Force Schools. He will visit all these training schools in the Dominion on a flying tour. He will leave here for Montreal, accompanied by the other officials at 10 o'clock this morning to see administration members. Mr. Balfour, who expects to be in this country for about two weeks, will return here in a week to inspect the local training school.

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Syrian Armistice Stalled In Vichy

Puzzling tangle follows Darlan return from Nazi-occupied.

(By Taylor Henry Associated Press Staff Writer)

VICHY, France, July 10—(AP)—The Vichy government, claiming that Britain had ignored a request to cease firing in Syria and Lebanon, disavowed responsibility tonight for continued "violence and devastation" there and proclaimed a last ditch resistance.

The British government announced yesterday that Vichy's request had been answered immediately and that terms, described in unofficial sources as generous in the extreme, had been submitted to the Vichy command in Syria.

Amid the puzzling tangle of contradiction and talk of offended honor, which had snared Vichy's own proposal of an armistice, Gen. Maxime Weygand, supreme commander in North Africa arrived in Vichy tonight.

He drove from the airfield to the Parc Hotel—residence of Chief of State Pétain—presumably for immediate conference with the Marshal.

The situation over hostilities in the Levant did not preclude the possibility that armistice negotiations might be under way even while the allies closed in on Beirut and continued other drives in Syria and Lebanon.

Vichy insisted its forces still held Beirut. (The German controlled Paris)

Russians quote Captured soldier On Nazi plans

MOSCOW, July 11—(Friday)—(AP)—The Soviet Information Bureau early today quoted a captured German soldier as saying a German officer assured his unit that "Germans will do away with the Bolsheviks in 10 days and will dine in London in August."

In its regular communique, the bureau named the soldier as "Peter A." and said he told the Russians he was a member of an engineering unit stationed on the coast of France for a year making preparations to land German troops in England. His group was said to have been transported to the Eastern front two weeks before the hostilities began.

The bureau also reported it had reliable information that the German command had withdrawn all troops from the German-Swiss front and replaced them with "old men and invalids."

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

JULY 11, 1916—Sir Douglas Haig announced complete capture of the Germans' first system of defence along the Somme, over a front of 14,000 yards. Austrians attempted to halt Russian advance northwest of Kopylovsk. Germans regained lost ground in Mametz Wood; attacked Verdun.

On the basis of conditions prevailing July 1, the board said a wheat crop of 923,613,000 bushels is indicated. This would be more than 1,900,000 bushels larger than last year's harvest.

Saying that corn is expected to show the best yield since 1920, the board forecast production at 2,548,709,000 bushels, the largest since 1937, and about 100,000,000 larger than the 1941 crop.

News Briefs

ANKARA, July 10—(AP)—Eleven French warships and armed auxiliaries from Beirut, Lebanese capital, were reported trapped deep in the Aegean Sea. British ships were in the Turkish harbor of Alexandretta and all their crews were being interned, including the vice admiral commanding the Syrian fleet.

LEEDS, Ala., July 10—(AP)—Ten miners were reported trapped deep in the Acmar No. 67 mine of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company when they were caught after an explosion and Herbert J. J. Wright, chief deputy of the company, said there was no hope any of the 10 was alive. J. J. Wright said two white men, Ernest E. Etheridge and Curtis Kuykendall, and eight negroes apparently were trapped beyond hope.

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WASHINGTON, July 10—(AP)—An angry charge by Senator Robert Taft, (Rep.-Ohio), that the United States was building a naval air base for Great Britain in Northern Ireland, led Senator Albert B. Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, to say today that he had no knowledge of such a development.

The discussion was prompted by a recent occupation of Iceland, which Taft denounced as "exactly equivalent to aggressive war." After he had said he had reliable information that a base was being built in Northern Ireland, Senator John A. Danaher, (Rep.-Conn.) entered the debate to complain that the administration was too secretive.

"We are not being told what the facts are," he said, "and yet every one of us who chooses to know that American workmen by the hundreds have been constructing a naval base in Northern Ireland for weeks, just as they were preliminary to the Ireland situation."

The discussion recalled an announcement recently that Merritt, Chapman and Scott, New York contracting firm, had been engaged by the British Government to do some construction work in the British Isles. Whether this contract was what Taft and Danaher had in mind was not disclosed.

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U. S. defence Moves under Fire at Capital

(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, July 10—(AP)—Authoritative sources disclosed knowledge on the subject but Britons generally would show scant surprise if they were informed soon that the United States is moving to acquire navy or air bases in Northern Ireland as claimed today by Senator Howard Taft at Washington.

Outside official circles there is widespread discussion of the possibility that such bases are under consideration.

The understanding there is that this system will be continued in respect to succeeding classes, including those embracing men who have already undergone 30 days' training and others of 21, 22, 23 and 24 year who will be called as required.

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Interpreting The War News

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press Staff Writer)

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