

FRANCE CUTS OFF BRITISH RELATIONS

Break Results From England's Attack on Fleet; Nazi Stukas Join in Mass Attacks on Isles; Red And Rumanian Troops Clash.

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transports were sunk and damage inflicted on nine others and one warship. It also claimed the sinking of a British submarine off Norway.

Three Nazi submarines have reported sinking 85,543 tons of British shipping and, in addition, the sinking of the 5500-ton merchant ship Hartlepool, southwest of Portland, and of a 12,000-ton tanker and an 8000-ton merchant ship sailing in convoy was claimed.

The British announced 40,000 children would be removed from east and northeast coast towns over the weekend because of imminent fears of invasion attempts.

The German wireless in a dispatch from Madrid today said that a French airplane had dropped bombs at the British fortress of Gibraltar. At Gibraltar, it was admitted that "enemy planes" raided the Rock early today but it was reported all bombs exploded harmlessly in the sea.

Red Troops Clash With Rumanians

In addition to the French realignment developments, there was increased speculation as to the role of the Soviets in the Balkans. The Rumanian general staff said Russian troops had advanced beyond the territory ceded to the Soviets and had clashed with Rumanian soldiers, with some loss of life.

Whether the clash would lead to more serious developments was uncertain but the new pro-Nazi Government of Rumania permitted circulation of dispatches telling of panic in areas adjacent to the new Russian frontier (including the big Galatz oil fields) and at Constanza, the important Black Sea port which Russian was once reported to have demanded. The dispatches also said Russia was building strong fortifications along the new Prut River frontier.

The Soviet criticism of Turkey and Iran came through the Government newspaper Izvestia and the Communist Party publication Pravda, both of which charged the Turks and Persians with failing to oppose British and French "plots" to attack the Russian oil fields.

No Sign of Nazi-Soviet Coolness

There was still no sign, however, of coolness between Germany and Russia—a sign for which Britain has been eagerly scanning the Balkan skies—and the Moscow newspapers re-emphasized the friendly relations of the two nations.

The naval action at Oran was the most dramatic of the swift, drastic steps taken by Britain to avert possibility the powerful French fleet might fall into the hands of Germany and Italy and give the Axis powers naval superiority over Britain.

At completion of the British action the disposition of the French fleet was as follows:

In British hands in British Isles ports: The old French battleships Courbet and Paris, two cruisers, some submarines including the Surcouf, world's largest, eight destroyers, and approximately 200 lesser craft.

In British control at Alexandria: The battleship Lorraine, four cruisers and unspecified minor warships.

Put out of action at Oran: Battleships Bretagne and Provence, one sunk, the other beached and set afire; battleship Dunkerque or Strasbourg, heavily hit and fired; sea-plane carrier, Commandant Teste, sunk; two destroyers, sunk.

12 Cruisers Still Unaccounted For

Still at large: Either Dunkerque or Strasbourg, which escaped Oran although heavily hit and was believed at Toulon; aircraft carrier Bearn, 22,146 tons, whereabouts unknown; 12 cruisers, whereabouts unknown but at least one believed probably in British control at Halifax and possibly others in similar situation in Central American and Far Eastern waters; unknown number of destroyers, some of which escaped with the Dunkerque or Strasbourg; unknown number of submarines, some of which voluntarily entered British ports.

The story of this action was told to the House of Commons yesterday by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in an address during which he fought constantly against his emotions and concluded with tears streaming from his eyes. Parliament then went into a six-and-a-half hour secret session to debate this and other problems of the war.

The German and Italian press fumed. General newspapers called Churchill "a cur, a knave, a dog and a criminal." The called him the "greatest scoundrel who ever existed."

In the Far East, Japanese soldiers made a raid in the French concession at Shanghai and seized two Chinese. Tokyo newspapers charged Great Britain with plotting with the United States to send supplies to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. Reports circulated that some Japanese troops had been withdrawn from Hongkong where more British women and children were evacuated today.

The Japanese troops were said to be destined for service along the French Indo-China border.

Two Sacrifice Lives to Save Scores



Two detectives who examined a time bomb planted in the British pavilion at the New York World's Fair are dead, but scores of others are alive today because the high explosive was carried out of the exhibit hall in time.

Next Week It's Farmer Willkie With Rushville as First Host

Candidate Also Will Visit Home Folks in Elwood; Executive Committee May Be Selected Today.

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, July 5.—Wendell L. Willkie, G. O. P. Presidential candidate, meets today with representatives of the Republican National Committee to discuss campaign plans, but most decisions probably must be delayed until he confers next week with party leaders in Washington.

An executive committee of 16 national committee members may be selected today. Designation of a campaign manager and National Committee chairman probably will go over.

LINE FORMS ON F. D. R.'S RIGHT

Field Full of Running Mates; Douglas Is 'Hottest Tip'; Byrnes Mentioned.

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President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reform bill.

If the conservative wing is to be recognized, the candidate generally accepted as most likely is Senator James Byrnes (S. C.), who has proved an effective liaison between the White House and the Senate, bearing the confidence of the conservative group and the President alike.

His sponsors stress his value to the President as presiding officer of the Senate and representative at the capitol during the next administration—if Democrats are continued in power.

Another legislative figure who has the confidence of the President and New Dealers and of the conservatives as well is the majority leader of the House, Sam Rayburn of Texas. His friends argue that, as champion of the stock-market and securities regulatory acts and the public-utility holding company act, he would be valuable on the ticket in dramatizing the public utility, Wall Street connections of Mr. Willkie.

SHOT BY ACCIDENT, GIRL, 10, MAY DIE

A bullet fired by a young man shooting at birds yesterday may cost the life of 10-year-old Maxine Cooper, R. R. 3 Box 786.

The girl was struck in the back of the head with a .22-caliber bullet while picking berries with other children across the road from her home. She is on the "critical" list at the Riley Hospital today.

Deputy sheriffs said that Wilbur Moran, 24, of R. R. 3 Box 415 told them he was firing at a bird and was unaware the children were near. The Cooper girl and her playmates, he said, were concealed by a clump of bushes, directly in the line of fire.

Mr. Moran took the girl to the City Hospital and she later was transferred to the Riley Hospital.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST: Fair to night and tomorrow; not much change in temperature.

Sunrise 5:21, Sunset 7:31

TEMPERATURE

July 5, 1940

5 a. m. 75 1 p. m. 85

BAROMETRIC TODAY

5:30 a. m. 30.51

PRECIPITATION 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 0.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 16.80

Deficiency since Jan. 1 4.30

WINDS—Fair tonight and tomorrow; not so cool tonight in western portion.

Lower Michigan—Fair; not so cool tonight; partly cloudy and warmer.

Ohio—Generally fair and slightly warmer; but with some cloudiness tonight and tomorrow; Sunday generally fair and moderate.

Kentucky—Fair tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tomorrow; Sunday generally fair and warmer.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 5:30 A. M.

Station Temp. Wind Bar. Hum. Rain

Albany, N. Y. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Baltimore, Md. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Birmingham, Ala. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Chicago, Ill. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Cincinnati, Ohio 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Cleveland, Ohio 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Dayton, Ohio 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Des Moines, Iowa 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Indianapolis, Ind. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

St. Louis, Mo. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Washington, D. C. 75 10 30.52 65 0.00

Weather from nearby airport station.

POLICE HUNTING FAIR BOMBERS

Agitators Are Rounded Up After Two N. Y. Detectives Die and Five Are Hurt.

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Bund's Camp Nordland near Andover, N. J. They were charged with displaying the emblem of a foreign power and violating the state law against activity inspiring racial and religious hatred.

Expert analysis of the fragments showed the bomb had been set to explode when it did—at 5:12 p. m. yesterday, a time when there is a lull in the fair's manifold activities and the international section, including the British pavilion, is most crowded. It was not cut off by the detectives examining it.

The bomb was so powerful it dug a hole in the ground, two feet deep and six feet across. The bodies of the dead detectives were horribly mangled and a leg was torn from one. The critically wounded detectives were 10 feet away, yet their legs were fractured in several places by the concussion. The other detectives were some 25 feet from the explosion. The explosive was dynamite—this was established by the fact that its greatest force was downward.

Heard Ticking Inside

William Strachen, an American electrician employed by the pavilion, first noticed the suitcase in the fan room, to which the public is not admitted, late Wednesday afternoon. He thought another employee had left it here. But it still was there yesterday afternoon and he decided to give it to his superiors. First he held it up to his head, heard a ticking, like that of a clock.

Cecil N. Piekthall, Commissioner General of the British fair exhibit, listened to the ticking and immediately called police. He knew what Mr. Strachen didn't—that Thursday afternoon a man telephoned the pavilion, said "Get out of there. We're going to blow the place up."

The first policemen to arrive carried it out into an alleyway along a service road behind the Polish building, where, if it did explode, it would not injure any of the 142,000 men, women, and children thronging the grounds.

Never Knew What Hit Them

Detectives Joseph J. Lynch and Ferdinand Socha of the bomb and alien squad, both explosion experts, arrived and bent over the suitcase. Another detective fished a bucket of water. Mr. Lynch slit the case open with his pocket-knife and lifted out an oblong box which he plunged into the bucket. He turned his head, said to two detectives standing 10 feet away: "This looks like the real one."

He never knew—nor did Mr. Socha—what hit them, for in that instant there was a deafening roar, the force of concussion stabbed out in every direction knocking down policemen 25 feet away, breaking windows and the air was full of bits of bucket, of suitcase, of clothes, of dirt and rock.

Detectives William J. Pedersen, 36, and Joseph Gallagher, 39, to whom Mr. Lynch had been talking, were blown five feet. Detective Martin J. Schuchman, 40, and Patrolman Emil Veselick, 31, were far enough away not to be as seriously hurt.

Laval Given Job of Drafting New Constitution in France

By RALPH HEINZEN

United Press Staff Correspondent

VICHY, France, July 2 (Delayed).—The French Government has designated Pierre Laval, former Premier and veteran politician, to draw up a drastically new kind of constitution, giving France an "ultra modern version of democracy."

Laval, a friend of Germany and Italy, is to present his hand-drawn constitution to the Chamber and Senate, sitting as a national assembly at Clermont-Ferrand next week.

Under the reform plan, parliament will be modified fundamentally. The national assembly may adopt the American plan of fusing the presidency and premiership into a single post as chief of the government. Thus the executive would be elected, would hold office for a fixed period and would choose his own cabinet, eliminating one of the worst features of the French parliamentary system, as reflected in the overthrow of more than 30 cabinets in the past 10 years.

The new constitution will have this motto: "For labor, family, country." It would ban the old slogan, "Liberty, equality, fraternity." It was said.

The new constitution would provide a new form of assembly to replace the Senate and Chamber. This assembly would have restricted powers. It would not be permitted to overthrow cabinets.

The drafters were believed studying the United States, German, Italian, Portuguese and other constitutions with a view of adopting the best from each.

Premier Marshal Philippe Petain was said to feel that intelligence and labor must share the burden in France's reconstruction and that hence, professional parliamentarism was doomed to disappear, along with plutocracy, under hardy reforms.



Pierre Laval, . . . friend of Axis, drafts constitution.

STATE GETS \$350,000 TO TRAIN MECHANICS

Approximately \$350,000 in Federal funds is scheduled to be spent in 22 Indiana cities under the planned state-wide national defense mechanics training program. H. G. McComb, acting state vocational education director, said today.

The program, sponsored by the Advisory Council of the National Defense Commission and the State Department of Public Instruction, calls for the use of high schools for the training of men in automobile

mechanics, aviation, electricity, heat treatment machine shop operation, pattern making, radio, sheet metal and metal work and welding.

DALLAS PLANS PLANE PLANT

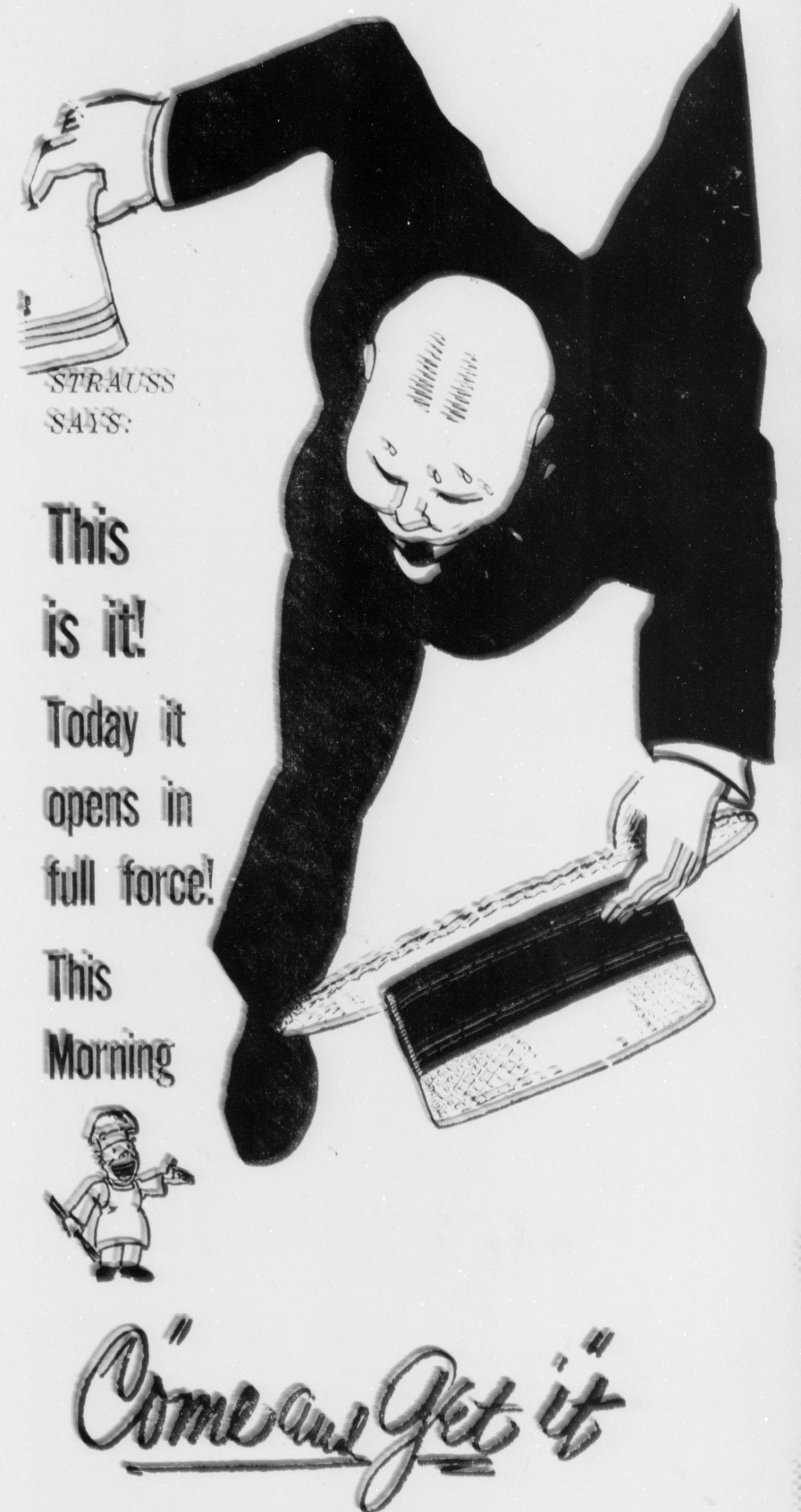
DALLAS, Tex., July 5 (U. P.).—Establishment here of a \$5,000,000 airplane factory to build bombers and pursuit ships for the United States army was being planned today. Chamber of Commerce officials said that the Hall-Aluminum Aircraft Corp. will close its Bristol, Pa., plant and reopen here on an enlarged scale.

RED CROSS WAR FUND GROWS TO \$63,351

The American Red Cross today reported additional contributions to its war relief fund, bringing the total thus far for the city and county to \$63,351.25.

Among the gifts were \$100 from The Indianapolis Times, and \$10 each from James Miller and Clara I. Joseph. Another contributor made donations of \$20 each in memory of Frederick Fairbanks, Woodbury Treat Morris, Gilbert Hurty, Mrs. Julian Bobbs and Oren Dunn.

STORE HOURS SATURDAY 9 A. M. TO 6 P. M.



Practically all our Men's SUMMER SUITS reduced (Palm Beaches are NOT in the sale—but about all else goes). Sale prices are as low as \$10—Important groups at 15.75, 23.75 and 29.75.

More than 1500 3-piece YEAR 'ROUND SUITS at sweeping reductions! Outstanding sale groups at 15.75, 19.75, 23.75 and 39.75.

Several Hundred SPORT JACKETS The bulk of them are in sale groups at 19.75 and \$10.

SLACKS—tables heaped high with them—sale groups, 4.95, 5.95, 6.95, 7.95.

There are also lower and higher priced sale groups—19.50 & 27.50. Slacks from Hickey-Freeman are 12.95.

Something like 2,000 TIES at HALF PRICE.

SLACK SUITS for Gentlemen—a group at 2.95.

Clothing-Tailored SLACK SUITS—many at 6.95

HANDKERCHIEFS at \$1 a dozen!

SHORT SOCKS—the best liked kinds, cottons (among them are "Real Silks", . . . substandards), 5 Pairs for \$1.

SHORTS, and SHIRTS—cut true to size—4 for \$1.

Men's Thin SHIRTS at 1.35.

Men's Thin PAJAMAS at 1.65.

Men's SPORT OXFORDS—hundreds sale grouped at 3.95 and 5.45.

Several Hundreds Pairs of Pedigreed OXFORDS including Hanans—Reduced!

And so it is—all through the store—SWEEPING REDUCTIONS AND SPECTACULAR INTRODUCTIONS!

L. STRAUSS & Come & get it!

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 26 19 45

1940 21 38 59

July 4—

Injured 21 Accidents 31

Dead 1 Arrests 37

THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violations Cases Conv. Fines

Speeding 8 8 \$10

Reckless driving 1 1 0

Failure to stop at 1 1 0

through street 1 1 0

Disobeying traffic 4 4 7

signals 4 4 7

Drunk driving 0 0 0

All others 17 16 24

Totals 31 30 85

MEETINGS TODAY

Exchange Club, luncheon, Severn Hotel

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club

Knickerbocker Association, luncheon, Knickerbocker Hotel

Boys' Club, luncheon, Century Hotel

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