

BRITISH DIG IN FOR BIG BATTLE WITH ITALIANS

Nazi Bombers Sweep Isles in
Large Scale Attacks;
Casualties Mount.

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Italians reported they had bombed the Marsa Matruh railroad station and British concentrations at Sidi Barrani. The British aerial attacks on Italian African objectives were described by Rome as "ineffective."

Egypt, officially neutral in Europe's war, waited for indications as to whether the huge Italian army reported massed in Libya under Gen. Rodolfo Graziani, would invade Egyptian soil.

Although Egypt severed diplomatic relations with Rome shortly after Italy's entry into the war this country did not issue a declaration of war. But in most informed quarters it was believed that Egypt's neutrality would end with an actual Italian invasion.

All gallant brave has been called and strong police forces were being kept in readiness for any emergency. Gen. Abdel Reagutman Azzam Bey, Territorial Army commander, told volunteers who completed a training course yesterday that Egypt's enemies should know that an attack on Egypt would not be easy and would cost them dear.

Informed quarters claimed that British and Egyptian forces were better equipped for desert warfare than the Italians and it was predicted that Italy would meet defeat in the desert in any attempt to smash across Egypt to the Suez Canal, British control of which has severed Italian communication with East African colonies.

Swiss Call New Troops

In Switzerland the Army General Staff has called three brigades to report for duty Aug. 19 and five cavalry squadrons to report Aug. 26. The call was explained on the ground that the new men would replace men now with the armed forces.

It was announced yesterday that interned French soldiers would be transferred within the next few days to eastern Switzerland. The reason was not given but it was assumed that the move was intended to clear important strategic positions.

A German-Swiss trade agreement was signed at Berlin last night. The agreement provides a new Swiss-German clearing agreement effective until June 30, 1941, to replace one which expired Aug. 1.

U.S. Marines to Stay

In the Far East, the Japanese pushed steadily ahead with their program for driving out occidental influence, halting the withdrawal of British troops from China as an importance advance but getting no response to their suggestions that American Marines also be withdrawn.

Japanese authorities were expected in Shanghai to follow up the British gesture toward "Japanization" by Japan by seeking to take over the large British defense sector of the International Settlement, which would put Japanese marines adjacent to United States marines in the Settlement.

In Tokyo, there appeared to be the beginning of a press campaign against Americans. One Japanese dispatch to the newspaper Yomiuri from French Indo-China charged that a "strange American official" named Reed had been attempting to interfere with Japanese proposals for "co-operation" with Indo-China.

The dispatch apparently referred to the American Consul, Charles S. Reed, and alleged that he was attempting to disrupt Japan's efforts to bring Indo-China into a close working agreement with Tokyo.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County	City	Total
1939	23	58
1940	29	75

Aug. 9—

Injured 8 Accidents 24

Dead 0 Arrests 42

FRIDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases	Convic.	Fines
Violations	tried	paid
Speeding	18	17
Reckless driving	6	4
Failure to stop at through street	5	5
Disobeying traffic signals	9	9
Drunken driving	1	1
All others	31	31
Totals	70	67
		\$166

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times is therefore, not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

James L. Slaton, 21, of 313 S. Temple, Indianapolis, Ind.; Evelyn Kaster, 22, of Wiles, Anna, Seeger, at City. Herbert, Catherine Moer, at St. Francis, Frank, Rachel, Quattrocchi, at St.

Shuh, Lenora Ramsey, at St. Vincent's, Richard, Mildred, Knox, at Methodist, Howard, Ruth, at St. Francis. Harold, Martha, Eren, at Methodist, Benjamin, Kileen, Allen, at Methodist, Fred, Irene, Dungan, at Methodist, Glenn, Josephine, Baker, at 2429 North Russell, Helen, Pogue, at 3845 E. 32nd, Robert, Vivian, Basye, at 2036 E. Michigan.

Correction

Yesterday's birth list in The Times reported a girl born to Guy and Charlotte Moore. The baby is a boy.

Flight's End



A German Messerschmitt fighter plane falls in the street of a southeast England town after being shot down during a Nazi attack on shipping in the English Channel.

CUDAHY AWAITS HIS 'CRUCIFIXION'

Ambassador, Flying Home On President's Orders, to Seek Belgian Aid.

LONDON, Aug. 10 (U. P.)—United States Ambassador to Belgium John Cudahy left by airplane for home today, prepared to sacrifice his diplomatic and political career to what he said was his Christian mission to help organize relief for Belgian war sufferers.

After being publicly reprimanded by the State Department for an unauthorized press interview, Mr. Cudahy was directed by President Roosevelt to return home for "consultations."

In the interview Mr. Cudahy had been quoted that German soldiers who occupied Belgium had behaved better than American troops probably would have under similar circumstances. He also said that Great Britain's refusal to lift her blockade of Europe would result in famine among Belgium's 8,000,000 war refugees.

"I know I am going home to be crucified, but the truth must be told," Mr. Cudahy said after he received his order to return to Washington.

4 Fenders Bent, Student Jailed

THE FENDER SCORE in favor of—against—a Purdue University student who drove from Lafayette to Indianapolis last night was at least four, police said.

He was caught at Meridian and Ohio Sts. after a series of complaints that he had sideswiped other cars on the way.

The student, Charles H. Benson of Lima, O., was held in jail under \$1000 bond on charges of reckless driving and vagrancy.

The police were told he rammed into the first car on Road 52 near Lafayette. Other sideswipes were reported at Road 29 and 56th St., Road 29 and 38th St., and Meridian and Vermont Sts.

Today's War Moves

By J. W. T. MASON
United Press War Expert

New implications of Germany's hope to control Dakar, capital of French West Africa and the most favorable trans-Atlantic base for an offensive against the Western Hemisphere, are contained in announcement by the French Government of changes in colonial administration.

A statement issued at Vichy says France's African colonies are to be consolidated in larger units, except the port of Dakar, which is to be administered separately.

There is no logical reason why the capital of French West Africa should be given this special status. It is explained at Vichy as "indicating greater German activity there" which points directly to the move having been made under German pressure.

Arrival of German technicians at Dakar became known last week. This action, coupled with the quick subsequent proclamation of an independent administration for the great African port which offers secrecy for German planes there, can be interpreted as Germany's first answer to Western Hemisphere defense plans.

It will not escape German notice that simultaneously with these happenings at Dakar, American Marines are now being moved from Quantico, Va., to Guantanamo, Cuba. Dakar is directly opposite the West Indies. If Dakar fell into German possession after the war, Hitler would possess an air and naval base of first rank on the south Atlantic within seven to eight hours of the West Indies by bombing and fighting airplane squadrons.

Seizure of a West Indian base by a hostile force operating from Dakar would constitute an initial threat against South America, the Panama Canal and the Gulf of Mexico coast of the United States. The necessity for observing future German intentions at Dakar thus becomes a strategic problem for the Western Hemisphere, a consequence of France's surrender to Germany. It adds to the Western Hemisphere's direct interest in the redistribution of African west coast colonies after the war.

The nearest observation post to Dakar is Bathurst, capital of the small British colony of Gambia, bordering French West Africa on the Atlantic Coast. Bathurst is 100 miles south of Dakar and within easy striking distance. Great Britain would be as much concerned as the Western Hemisphere if Dakar were to pass under German control, because it might be used to command the sea route to South Africa.

Farther south of Dakar is Liberia, the Negro republic formed in the last century, under American influence.

They also were to vote today on a resolution asking for legislation equalizing disability compensation for wounded veterans in battle and for veterans injured after war.

Herbert A. Church, legislative chairman, revealed in a report to members that battle wound compensation averages \$37 a month and that other compensation comes to an average of \$40.70 a month.

Mr. Church reported that it was the original intent of the U. S. Veterans Administration to give battle wound disabilities higher rating. He said this had been changed to identical ratings because the administration felt that disabilities caused by disease are more damaging and more permanent than those caused by combat.

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Who Could Have Foreseen

that Sam Jones' cheerful, industrious wife would be ordered by her doctor to take six months of complete rest? That meant a maid must be employed to do the housework and care for the children during this period.

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NAVAL EXPERT TO WATCH NAZI WAR ON BRITAIN

Admiral Sent by President
May Get New Defense
Ideas for U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (U. P.)—One of America's foremost naval strategists—Rear Admiral Robert Lee Ghormley, assistant chief of naval operations—was en route to London today to send President Roosevelt confidential reports on the expected German blitzkrieg against the British Isles.

He left Washington secretly, accompanied by two aids, Lieut. Comm. B. L. Austin and Lieut. Donald J. McDonald, who will be attached to the London staff of Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy. The regular naval attache, Capt. Allen G. Kirk, will remain at the embassy.

Naval officials could recall no other peace-time mission of such a nature and with such a high-ranking officer as its chief.

Interest in Torpedo Boats

The German blitzkrieg against the British Isles is expected to answer one all-important question in American defense schemes—the relative defense strength of Britain's great Navy against Germany's huge air force. The potency of Germany's swift torpedo boat fleet and other reported weapons and tactical deployment are of great interest to U. S. defense experts.

Only a few days ago, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox obtained secret and confidential reports from Col. William J. Donovan, outstanding World War hero, whom he sent to London for what was described as a personal mission.

Marines Move to Cuba

The fact that Admiral Ghormley was taken from the staff of Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations and one of Mr. Roosevelt's closest advisers, gave his mission unusual significance. Mr. Roosevelt recently had held many conferences with American diplomats, naval and military observers. He also has talked over the war with officers of other nations, gleaned information from every possible source.

The Navy meanwhile announced that 2900 officers and men of the first Marine brigade were being shifted from Quantico, Va., to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, some time in September for intensive training maneuvers.

Few Marines are now on duty at Guantanamo and they are used primarily for policing.

STOVE EXPLODES, 3 DEAD

HOUGHTON, Mich., Aug. 10 (U. P.)—Funeral services were planned today for a mother and her two small children who died in an explosion and fire caused by kerosene used to prime a stove in their farm home 20 miles south of here. The dead were Mrs. Oscar Anttonen, Doris, eight months, and Kenneth, two. Three other members of the family were burned seriously.

'Tigress' Flees



DEMOCRATS ON HATCH ACT SPOT

Legality of Sales Doubted;
Campaign Books May Be
Given Away.

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fund, the very distribution of the book benefits the national Democratic ticket, and so any purchase regardless of price would be an "indirect" aid—and thus illegal.

There were reports that some advertising contracts made before passage of the new law also had included orders for books.

Senator H. Style Bridges (R. N. H.), meeting an earlier statement by Mr. Michelson that the books would be sold, charged that the "Democratic Committee is in the position of causing many thousands of citizens to violate this plain provision of the law. And it apparently proposes to cause many more thousands of innocent citizens to violate the law by offering these books for sale."

Mr. Bridges argued that Attorney General Robert Jackson, in pointing out recently that the Hatch law omitted the word "sale" in dealing with such books, actually was preparing the way for the committee to flout the legislation by "gratuitously pointing out a loophole."

The Senator also contended that the Hatch Act made the campaign books unlawful. He said that while the act prohibits corporations from making campaign contributions, large sums were obtained for "so-called advertisements" in the campaign books.

DRAFT BATTLE ALREADY WON, BARKLEY SAYS

2 Weeks' Debate Expected
As Foes Continue to
Fight Bill.

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if he believed Hitler, Mussolini or the Japanese were coming over here he would declare war at once.

In a radio speech last night, Senator Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.), leader of the isolationist bloc, condemned peace-time conscription as a "direct contribution to the creation of a dictatorship."

Volunteer System
Included in Bill

By RUTH FINNEY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—Young men may choose by volunteer service in one of the armed forces and selection for training in the Army if the Burke-Wadsworth Bill becomes law.

This law was hammered home again and again in yesterday's Senate debate.