

BRITAIN TO REJECT FOOD SHIP APPEAL

Let Germans Care for Beat-
en Nations, Says London
Spokesman.

LONDON, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Great Britain will reject any proposal that she lift her blockade of Europe so that American or other neutral relief organizations can ship food to the citizens of nations conquered by Germany, an authoritative spokesman said today.

The Government so far has not received concrete proposals regarding food shipments to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and Norway, but if they are made Britain will reply that she cannot permit any exceptions to the blockade even if assurances are given that the supplies will be distributed exclusively to the population of the invaded countries.

Representatives of United States relief organizations and the International Red Cross were said to have discussed the situation with British authorities. It was learned because of spreading reports that certain areas of the continent are facing famine during the coming winter.

Germany Would Benefit

(Former President Herbert Hoover, head of the European Food Distribution Commission, said in West Yellowstone, Mont., Saturday night that his organization was negotiating with Britain and Germany in an effort to supply food to "18,000,000 persons facing starvation." He reiterated this appeal at Colorado Springs yesterday.)

The British view, as stated by authoritative quarters, is that such privations which may develop on the continent could be remedied if Germany wished to distribute the available stocks of the conquered countries.

Moreover, it was said, even if it were possible to assure that food contributions would be consumed exclusively by the victims of German invasion, such stocks inevitably would increase Germany's capacity for waging war by releasing a corresponding quantity of domestically produced food for the use of the Germans.

Doubt Famine Reports

It was believed here that accounts of imminent, widespread famine, including the assertion by John Cuddeback, American ambassador to Belgium, that 8,000,000 Belgians are facing starvation, are exaggerated. But it was pointed out that even if the reports were true, the shortage could be made up by the distribution of German food reserves which Germany would be expected to have said were ample, and by facilitating food transport by rail and canal in the occupied areas instead of reserving transportation facilities for war purposes.

Although it was admitted that the food blockade would prove to be a vital factor in winning the war, British sources pointed out that so long as the war is prolonged, the Germans would be increasingly forced to submit to strict rationing.

VanNuys and Others Ask Caution on Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Congressional leaders said last night that they sympathize with efforts now under way to provide relief for millions of persons in lands conquered by Germany, but warned that this aid must not be allowed to lighten the burden of Adolf Hitler.

Senator Edward R. Burke (D. Neb.) said he was "heartily in favor of this effort," but added that there must be "absolute assurance that this food will not go to Germany or make it any easier for Hitler."

Senator Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) doubted that Great Britain would consent to relax her blockade to make possible the distribution of the food. He said the blockade was one of Britain's most potent weapons in her war with Germany and to "ease up on it now would please Hitler very much. A member of the Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. VanNuys said any such plan should be approached "cautiously."

Chairman Sol Bloom (D. N. Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said "Hoover is right and so are 130,000 other Americans who would like to help those poor people," but he feared that any food sent to aid victims of the Nazi blitzkrieg would find its way into Germany.

"Hitler stole everything in Norway and Denmark," he said. "There is no reason to believe he wouldn't take any food we might send over."

State Department officials said tonight that this Government has not been asked by France, as was reported last week, to make representations to the British Government in the interest of easing the blockade, and has taken no steps in this direction.

In other quarters, it was indicated that this Government would have no objections to Hoover's proposal, provided it was acceptable to Britain and sufficient assurances were received that the proposed food ships would not be molested.

NAZI AGENT WESTRICK HIDES NEW ADDRESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Dr. Gerhard Alois Westrick, counselor to the German Embassy in Washington, whose activities had been given considerable publicity recently, has left New York for an undisclosed destination, it was learned today.

Dr. Westrick, whose driver's and automobile registration licenses were revoked because he gave false information in his application for them, requested officials at his hotel not to divulge his new address. Those inquiring for him were referred to the German Embassy in Washington.

STARVATION IN EUROPE LOOMS, HOOVER CLAIMS

Disease and Death Certain
Unless 'Millstones' Are
Removed, He Says.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Former President Herbert Hoover warned here late yesterday that civilian populations in European countries would face "wholesale starvation, death and disease" during the coming winter unless aid was dispatched to them at once.

Mr. Hoover, here to confer with Wendell Willkie, the Republican Presidential nominee, said that he referred to Norway, Holland, Belgium and France where food shortages already were rapidly developing.

"The situation is obvious," the former President said in a lengthy prepared statement. "These nations are being ground between the millstones of the food blockade, Great Britain and Germany against each other."

"They are blockaded by Germany from continental supplies and by Great Britain from overseas supplies."

Raps Reprimand to Cuddeback
In an obvious reference to President Roosevelt's request that John Cuddeback, American Ambassador to Belgium, return to the United States for consultation, Mr. Hoover said:

"It is impossible to understand what the Administration in Washington means by statements that they do not have any facts or why they recall an Ambassador because he states a fact."

Mr. Cuddeback was reprimanded by the State Department Friday for his report in London on Belgium food conditions.

Mr. Hoover listed figures showing the high percentage of imports of the European countries and added: "The situation will be even more acute than these figures imply because the farmers and villagers consume most of the domestic production and the cities mostly live on the imports."

During war by inability to import food for animals."

Outlines 5-Point Plan
Mr. Hoover said he believed that if the small nations were allowed to keep their accumulated stocks of food and their present harvest the situation would not become acute until some time in the fall.

The former President said that starvation could be averted if Germany agreed to:

1. Take none of the domestic produce of the civilian populations of the conquered countries.
2. Furnish an equivalent of any food already taken.
3. Permit imports from Russia and the Balkan States.
4. Allow free passage of ships without attack.
5. Permit adequate control of distribution by the organization so as to enable it to be certain that those governments are out.

He referred to a "neutral, non-governmental organization as was the case in the first World War."

RICH BLAMED FOR DRY LAW REPEAL

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Fletcher Dobyns, Pasadena, Cal., attorney and author, last night blamed a group of the nation's "most powerful multimillionaires" for the death of prohibition.

He spoke before an estimated 2000 delegates to the 66th annual convention of the national Women's Christian Temperance Union. He charged that the multimillionaires decided in 1926 that they could shift their income tax burden "to the wages and salaries of the people" by repealing the amendment, he said.

He said that "the public debauchery and demoralization today are more appalling than they were a generation ago," and called for "total warfare" to a campaign to obtain new national prohibition legislation.

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Chicago, editor of the Christian Century, told an afternoon session that "consumption in peacetime is incompatible with the pacific way of life to which the United States is dedicated."

DRAFT BILL ASSAILED BY NORMAN THOMAS

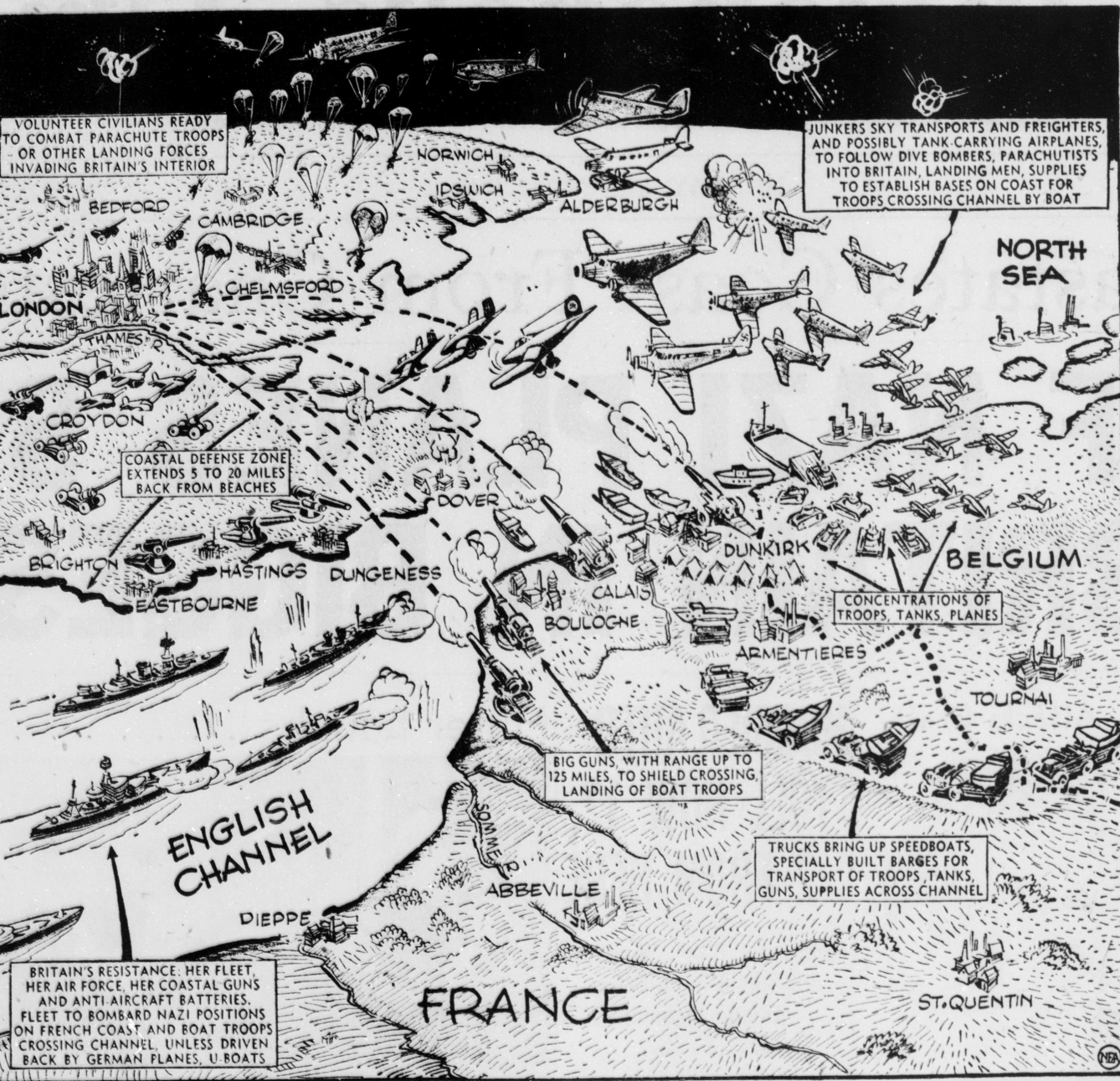
DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Norman Thomas, Socialist Presidential nominee, told a state convention of his party yesterday that "we no more need conscription to defend our country than we need conscription to supply Des Moines with police and firemen."

He said a conscript army might lead to fascism in the United States and that "if we had as large an army as army leaders want we would have been at war with Germany or Japan or both before this."

"I am more afraid of Hitlerism without a Hitler in America than I am of a Hitler, because fascism comes from the failure of democracy," he said.

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Preview of Invasion—How Hitler's Planes May Look



Preview of history's greatest invasion, mapped above in conjecture, shows how Adolf Hitler may pit his land and air forces against Britain's home defense. Already going on is Nazi bombing of England's east coast towns, the prelude to invasion.

RAIDER HURT IN AVENUE CAFE

Shot Fired as One Patron
Flees; Officers Menaced
By Unruly Crowd.

Indiana Ave. was on the loose again early yesterday.

A policeman suffered a broken hand in a raid on a tavern and the hot squad had to be called to disperse a crowd which surrounded raiding officers.

One of 12 men arrested fled while the raid was in progress and a police officer barked three times as an officer tried to halt him.

The raid was at the Oriental Cafe and Tavern.

Ask License Revocation
A hearing on a police complaint that the tavern's liquor license should be revoked as the result of a raid Sunday July 14, was held today before John Noonan, secretary of the State Alcoholic Beverages Commission, and Lowell H. Patterson, a member.

Suspensions Are Aroused
The evidence taken today will be presented to the Commission Aug. 20.

Trials of the cases resulting from last night's raid were continued until Aug. 30 by Judge Pro Tem, Floyd R. Mannon in Municipal Court.

When Sergt. John Sullivan and Patrolman George Liese approached the tavern in their car shortly after 2 a. m. a man sitting in front of the tavern leaped from his chair and dashed inside.

That aroused the suspicion of the officers. They followed him inside and found three men sitting at a table, filled whisky glasses in front of them.

The sergeant left his fellow officer in charge of the prisoners and stepped outside for a moment.

As he did, a patron overturned the table, smashed in the tavern door and dashed up the avenue. Sergt. Sullivan fired at him three times, but he failed to stop.

The fleeing man was halted in W. Michigan St. by two other officers in a cruiser and returned to the tavern. Patrolman Liese's right hand was broken in attempting to prevent the overturning of the table.

While the officers were awaiting for the patrol wagon, a crowd gathered outside the tavern, menacing them and becoming unruly. Five in the crowd were arrested.

Police said that George Graham, 507 Indiana Ave., was the operator of the tavern. He and five others were charged with violating the 1935 Beverage Act by selling or drinking liquor after the legal closing time.

FLIER'S BODY SOUGHT

BOULDER CITY, Nev., Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Lake Mead behind Boulder Dam was dragged today for the body of Lieut. Laurence E. Wernberg, whose airplane crashed into the water during a delivery flight from a California factory to Kelly Field, Tex.

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WAR KILLS EXPLORATION

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—The European war has helped some businesses and injured others, but it's practically closed out the somewhat unusual profession of exploration. So says Lincoln Ellsworth, at least, a recent Salt Lake visitor.

Kidnaper Robinson Asks for Release From Alcatraz Cell

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—The plea of Thomas Henry Robinson Jr., Kentucky kidnaper, to be freed from Alcatraz Prison, was challenged today in a brief filed by the Government in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Robinson is serving a life term for abducting Mrs. Henry Stoll of Kentucky in 1934 and taking her into Indiana, where he held her prisoner in an apartment at 28th and Meridian Sts., Indianapolis, until her release was arranged by the Rev. E. Arnold Clegg, her brother-in-law and pastor of Capitol Avenue Methodist Church at Indianapolis.

In his petition for writ of habeas corpus filed here, Robinson contends that he was not legally competent to enter a plea of guilty to the charge because he previously had been judged insane by Tennessee state courts.

Furthermore, Robinson claimed, he was not a free agent at the time he pleaded, inasmuch as he was shackled to the wrist of a Federal officer.

The Government conceded Robinson had been held insane prior to the kidnapping, but contended the Federal Court of Kentucky which sentenced him was not bound by the findings of the Tennessee state court.

Hub Cap Spoils
Safety Record

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Lee Phelps, 41, the nation's third safest truck driver, today was anything but happy. He was arrested on a charge of reckless driving that brought to an end his record of nearly 19 years without an accident.

Phelps' right rear hub cap clipped the left front fender of a car driven by Lee Simpson, 39. The two men got out to argue about it, and police decided they could settle the argument in Municipal Court.

Phelps had driven 450,000 miles without an accident, and was in third place in a national safety rating for interstate truck drivers. The accident not only cost Phelps his record, his company was expected to dock his month's pay \$10.

\$285,000 ALLOTTED FOR INDIANA REA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—A \$285,000 allotment for "self-help" was announced today for the Southeastern Indiana Rural Electric Membership Corp., Osgood, by the Rural Electrification Administration.

REA officials explained that the money will be expended for building power lines where the work of clearing the right-of-way, erecting poles and stringing lines will be done by members of the co-operative.

The members also will use the money to pay for wiring installations and electrical equipment, which they will need in order to use electricity when it becomes available.

The \$285,000 will build 376 miles of line to serve 168 members in Franklin, Jennings, Ohio, Switzerland, Jefferson and Dearborn Counties.

U. S. DRUG ADDICTS LOWEST SINCE '14

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—The Federal Bureau of Narcotics reported today that drug addiction in the United States in 1939 was at the lowest point since enactment of the Harrison narcotic law in 1914.

Efforts of the bureau to eliminate addiction, it said, have been aided by illegal drug peddlers who have adulterated their goods and thereby provided "involuntary cure" in some instances.

The average peddler, the bureau reported, diluted his drugs 91 per cent and some cases have been found where the dilution was 99 per cent.

There were not more than 50,000 addicts in the United States last year, the bureau said, a "substantial reduction" from the figures obtained in previous surveys.

U.S. WON'T FORCE ARMY-NAVY NEEDS

Delays Demand for Priority of Defense Orders, Asking
Industry to Give 'Voluntary Co-operation
To End Delays.'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—The National Defense Commission reported today that there is "no present need" to compel private industry to give priority to Government defense contracts as long as there is "complete voluntary co-operation" to prevent delays.

Defense "speed-up" legislation enacted June 28 provides invoked at the President's discretion to force manufacturers to give priority to Army and Navy orders.

The commission revealed that it has asked Robert P. Patterson and Louis Compton, Assistant Secretaries of the War and Navy, respectively, to adopt a "preference classification" system designed to indicate the order in which the Army and Navy desire contracts to be filled.

It said the Joint Army-Navy Munitions Board, of which Mr. Patterson and Mr. Compton are co-chairmen, would establish classified contract ratings within a few days. Each contract or order would carry a desired date for delivery.

Expect No Shortages
The commission said that there is "little likelihood of shortages" in most important materials, and that contractors should be able to meet their supply needs through regular purchasing channels. It said that a contractor, if the supply problem becomes acute, however, should refer the matter to the Army and Navy Munitions Board, directly or through Government inspectors, so necessary steps can be taken.

Meanwhile, Mr. Patterson said at opening exercises at the Army Industrial College that the rearmament program will require at least a year to "consolidate" the industrial front and that "co-operation" is the vital factor. He spoke to the 16 regular and 59 reserve officers taking courses in industrial mobilization and military supply problems.

Retailers Called
"We are still far from our goal of adequate preparedness on our supply front," he said. "At the present rate, we cannot achieve our armament objectives in days, weeks or months. It will take at least a year before our industrial front can be consolidated; and a year is a luxury we may never enjoy."

Miss Harriet Elliott, consumer adviser of the Defense Commission, called a meeting of more than 100 representatives of retail interests Aug. 29 to seek their co-operation in avoiding possible price increases. The retail industry, she wrote the representatives, is a key position to assist in maintaining a free flow of goods to consumers.

Unemployment Drops
The survey estimated that 374,000 persons went back to work in June and that 50,000 of this number were taken on in defense and related industries. It said that 9,651,000 persons were idle during that month as compared with 10,417,000 in June of 1939.

A 1940 national income of \$75,000,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000,000 over 1939, was forecast.

The survey predicted a 23 per cent increase in industrial profits during 1940, due partly to spending under the multi-billion dollar defense program. It placed prospective profits of 400 leading industrial corporations at \$2,280,000,000, which approaches the prosperity peak of 1927-29 and the high attained during the 1937 recovery year.

The reporting corporations, it said, placed profits during the first six months of 1940 at 59 per cent above those for the same period last year. Dividend payments were up 14 per cent. Earnings' income rose 4.9 per cent.

Seek Higher Wages
"Corporations have not increased wages as much as their earnings permitted," the survey said. "A larger flow of income to workers is vital."

"We need the flow of their buying power into non-defense consumer goods industries, to keep these industries growing in a normal way, prevent top-heavy defense development, and build up our national well-being."

The Federal Reserve Board reported a "sharp increase" in industrial activity in July with a 10-point increase in production over that registered in April. Gains were made in iron, steel, textile and paper industries, it said.

ASK THOUSANDS GIVE BLOOD FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (U. P.).—Chairman Norman H. Davis of the American Red Cross announced today that thousands of New York City residents will be canvassed to donate blood voluntarily for British war victims.

The Blood Transfusion Betterment Association, he said, will convert the blood into plasma—that part which remains after the red blood cells have been broken down by centrifugal force—as part of the Red Cross emergency project to aid Britain's wounded. Plasma will keep indefinitely when properly stored.

Mr. Davis said the project would "furnish valuable experimental information" for the projected domestic program to organize voluntary donors to make plasma available in this country in event of a national emergency.

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