

'KNOCKOUT' NEAR, AXIS HINTS

London Resists Hail of Bombs but Nazis Report Defense Is Weaker.

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rubble of Jack straw ruins this morning had died out.

Two of the bodies recovered from the ruins were believed to be those of small children but identification was next to impossible.

German claims that 1000 planes dropped more than 2,000,000 pounds of bombs on the metropolises were ridiculed.

Italy Says British Sub Sunk

British bombers, meanwhile, were reported hitting chiefly at the heart of German military strength, seeking to destroy the oil supplies of the Reich and thus to stall the Nazi aerial armada.

The big naval base at Kiel, the Hamburg docks and similar German targets again were attacked heavily during the night, the London Air Ministry said.

The British claimed heavy damage in a naval bombardment of the French port of Dunkirk. The Admiralty said fires were started.

The German aerial onslaught against Britain, however, seemed more than ever to be an immediate preliminary to a general offensive which the Axis powers reportedly have decided to launch in an effort to win the war by starting the disintegration of the British Empire on many fronts.

In the Mediterranean area, where Italy reported sinking a British submarine in a duel with a Fascist undersea craft following the naval clash of last week, the British said the cruiser Ajax sank three destroyers, the action reported by the Italian press.

Virginia Gayda, the Fascist mouthpiece, reported in the Giornale D'Italia that "new thrusts" are being prepared in North Africa and that the Italians already have pushed about 20 miles past the captured British base of Sidi Barrani in Egypt.

Reds Aid Activity

Further uncertainty as to the Balkan situation came with a statement in the Istanbul newspaper, Son-Ponta, which declared that Soviet Russia will refuse to tolerate Axis blows against the Dardanelles Straits or the Near East.

Soviet sources in Bucharest admitted that Red Army units in the building "defensive fortifications" on the Russian-Rumanian frontier, but a high ranking Soviet legion official denied reports abroad that Russia had concentrated 12 divisions on the border.

For days the surge of German troops into Rumania and the known readiness of both Italy and Germany for military operations in the Balkans have created extreme nervousness in Yugoslavia, Greece and Bulgaria and have caused Turkey to check on the outlook for aid from Soviet Russia.

The Soviets have never worked harder to create a surface impression that they are in a position to jump in any direction or to stay put indefinitely. Reports that Mos-

cow is negotiating with Turkey or receiving Turkish inquiries as to defense of the Dardanelles are met with silence at the Kremlin.

A denial by the official Tass agency of a specific report that Germany had "timely informed" the Soviets that German troops would be sent to Rumania and as to why the troops would be sent might seem on the surface to indicate a possibility of trouble between Berlin and Moscow. Actually, however, the denial was so limited in scope and so indirect that tomorrow the Soviets can make it mean anything they please.

Adolf Hitler's newspaper, Voelkischer Beobachter, reaffirmed the friendship of Germany and Russia. "Since the conclusion of the German-Russian pact, nothing has occurred to affect the principles of the newly regulated relations of both states," the newspaper said.

Four-Power Parley Hinted

Only positive statements from Moscow in recent days have concerned defense preparations and these, it was insisted, have been pushed steadily on all fronts including the Balkan area.

On the other hand, the Japanese newspaper Hochi published a sensational report in connection with Japan's vigorous efforts to achieve friendly relations with Russia and thus to free the Japanese war machine for action in the South Seas.

Josef Stalin, according to the Tokyo newspaper, plans to sponsor a conference at Moscow in which Germany, Italy and Japan will participate, probably early in November.

The conference will be called to decide Soviet diplomatic policy and to "meet the international situation," it added.

China Gets Trucks Ready

In Washington, President Roosevelt conferred with Australian Minister Richard G. Casey, presumably on the Far Eastern situation and the matter of increased co-operation between the United States and Australia in that area.

Mr. Casey declined to say whether the conversation had touched upon the possible use of the British naval base at Singapore by the United States.

The Thai Rasdri Daily News, important Siam newspaper, advocated an immediate declaration of war on French Indo-China because of refusal of the French Government to cede important Indo-China territories to Thailand.

Chinese technicians overhauled an estimated 2000 American-made trucks at Lashio, Burma, preparatory to the reopening Friday of the Burma Road, main supply route to China. Within a week, observers said, Chinese trucks would be rolling over the road with material for Chinese fighting troops.

Great Britain ceased normal trade relations with Rumania since it became apparent that the Balkan oil state was under German economic domination, R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs told the House of Commons.

At the same time in the House of Lords, Lord Snell declared that Britain's major task was to win the war with the support of the United States.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total	Deaths
1939	40
1940	65

Oct. 15
Injured 28
Dead 4
Arrests 25

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violations	tried	convicted	paid
Speeding	11	10	\$41
Reckless driving	7	6	\$56
Failure to stop at through street	5	4	7
Disobeying traffic signal	4	4	6
Drunk driving	6	2	70
All others	42	33	14
Total	75	59	\$194

MEETINGS TODAY

Ell Lilly & Co., Hotel Severin, 11:30 a. m.
Shell Oil Co., Hotel Severin, 9 p. m.
Kendall Farm Milling Co., Hotel Severin, 9 p. m.

City Council, Hotel Washington, 12:15 p. m.
Electric and Appliance Corp., Hotel Washington, 4:45 p. m.
Community Fund, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Persepolis, Claypool Hotel, all day.
Indiana Bankers' Association, Indianapolis Club, 7 p. m.
American Electricians' Society, Hotel River, 7:30 p. m.

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"If I am called, I hope it's to some duty in the air force," commented I. J. "Nish" Dienthart, 34, manager of the Municipal Airport, as he registered at 30th and Meridian Sts.

'Looks Like Standing Army,' Draftee Says as Line Grows

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why I know? Well I passed the government physical examinations once before, that's how I know."

At one corner, the schoolboy patrol members were kidding the traffic policeman who was helping them with their work. They were on the sidewalk, he was in the middle of the intersection.

"Oh, boy," they called, "as soon as school takes up, what'll you be doing?"

The policeman smiled. "You'll be registering," they called, and all concerned laughed.

As school time approached, the School Boy Patrol members had a double duty where registration also was in progress. They protected the children from traffic and directed the men to the registration room.

All West Side school said the registration was the quietest assembly of adults he could remember ever being in his school building.

For Lieut. Col. Robinson Hitchcock, State Selective Service director, the get-away this morning was just like shooting fish in a bucket. He sat quietly in his office at 711 N. Pennsylvania St., and read a paper.

After all, he'd completed his work several hours before—in fact he'd been working on the project for more than two years.

Two men were standing in line. One of them turned and asked a neighbor:

"What do you really think of this registration and all. Do you think it's really necessary?"

If some one shows up at a registration place today who can speak only Spanish, German, Italian, French, Portuguese, low German or Yiddish, the County Clerk's office will be ready for him.

Byron J. Reavis, 918 Morgan Drive, who can speak all these languages, has volunteered his services as an interpreter for the day and will be stationed at the County Clerk's office.

He will be sent out to the registration places to act as an interpreter. If some one appears who can speak only one of the above languages.

County Clerk Charles Ettinger began early in the day to try to get police to waive the no-double parking rule on the Washington St. side of the Court House to facilitate the work.

With the rule waived, officials could drive a double park and dash into and out of the building with supplies for the various registration places.

The head man of each precinct registering team arrived with a bulging brief case which contained besides the cards, pen holders and brand new pen points, bottles of ink, blotters stapled together, large facsimiles of the cards filled in by the workers, and a stack of the pamphlets to be given those registering.

Once in a while, as one drove about town today, one saw a householder who had put out the American flag. Not very often, but once every mile or so in any direction.

Other evidence of excitement, or tension, or whatever it is that is felt without being seen when extraordinary proceedings are afoot, could be picked up in the blocks that contained registering places.

There were knots of people; wives were driving husbands to the places and then driving away; school children carried on the way to class; little families jammed developed; taxis occasionally swung in and out.

It was subdued and not too easily detected, but excitement was there, all right.

Twenty-five draftees showed up at the Indiana University Dental School at 8 a. m. to register and found no one to register them. Headquarters had understood they would have appeared at 9 a. m. instead of 8 a. m. and would have been ready for them an hour later.

A couple of men were rushed out from headquarters to fill the cavity.

Some of the addresses of the registering places were a little vague. Some of the entrances, maybe, were around the corner of the building, sort of hard to find.

As a result, these places had slack business during the early hours. But those in charge of most of them found a way to appropriately mark the entrances and guide those intending to register.

They obtained the largest American flag available and put it at the entrance. Business promptly picked up.

At 3215 Clifton St., the registration office was an empty grocery store. There was not much registration business, either. So the registrars got to talking. First, it was politics. There were two Democrats and four Republicans. This got into a snarl. They decided to quit talking politics.

Then a registrant appeared, and day.

IT'S ZERO HOUR FOR 16,000,000 YOUNG CITIZENS

High and Low, Rich and Poor Respond to Begin A New Era.

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are open in New England. They are giving their names, addresses, ages, in school houses in New York. The Atlantic seaboard is signing up and this first segment of the registration extends instantaneously south and westward to the flat lands of Indiana.

Some Dissent

There are little blobs of dissent. A teacher here, a parson there cannot reconcile conscience to the draft. Some young students—so young—feel that they cannot conscientiously give their names despite assured deferment.

Seventeen hours overall and the job will be done.

Seven a. m. to 9 p. m., is the span and the Pacific Coast will be marching for three hours after all is finished in the East.

Military service is the destination of the fit. Intelligent leadership, comfortable clothing, good food and this first segment of the registration extends instantaneously south and westward to the flat lands of Indiana.

"America," says President Roosevelt, "stands at the cross roads of its destiny."

To Protect the Nation

The class of Oct. 16, 1940, is signing on to protect her there.

"The method," says the President of the draft, "is fair. It is sure, it is democratic—it is the will of the people."

That is in the President's proclamation of the draft.

Today he is up early—he usually is late rising—and the impact of national selective service breaks routine in a nation's homes from the lowest to the highest.

"On this day more than 16,000,000 young Americans are reviving the 300-year-old American custom of the muster," the President is broadcasting from the White House to the nation's young manhood just and hour after registration begins.

He tells them we are long on men but short on army, that we are mobilizing the citizenship, and not just men and are calling on men and women and property and money to help make our defense effective. Defensive preparations and defensive preparation only is what we undertake, he tells them.

"We Live Under Threats"

"Democracy is your cause—the cause of youth."

"Those who have dared to threaten the whole world with war."

"Today we live under threats, threats of aggression from abroad," he tells them.

Johnny get your gun! And the guns are in the making, the planes, the tanks and the ships, he tells them.

"We are mobilizing our citizenship—all males 21-36 today, and the money, the property, the women and the elder men as they are needed."

Wendell L. Wilkie talks too. That was last night but they may read today, and he tells them:

"To every man in the course of his life come a few—very few—impressively solemn moments. Such moments come when a man puts his life at the service of his country."

"We Still Have Freedom"

This is not for war, we must avoid that if we can, Mr. Wilkie says. "What I would ask of you is that you form yourselves into an army—the best and most efficient army on earth."

"Here in America we still have freedom," he tells them. "It is here and here alone. And if we do not guard it—with our lives if necessary—it will perish from the earth."

No dispute at the top over this. Both of those men are for it.

"Have you registered yet?"

A million times and millions more comes that question. It is the universal password appropriate alike to banking house and stable and it passes from man to man to man.

"Hang Onto That Card"

Ten a. m., New York Time; 9 a. m., Indianapolis Time; 8 a. m., Denver Time; 7 a. m., Los Angeles Time—the draft is sweeping westward beyond the plains states and through the mountains to the Pacific. There are hundreds of thousands in line now. Eleven questions. Name? First, second and middle. Age? Place of birth?

"Okay, buddy, hang onto that card. That's your registration certificate. Any cop can ask you for that now and if you run a red light or are curbed for speeding he's sure to hang onto that card."

NEW FARMERS' DEAL ASKED BY McNARY

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Oct. 16 (U. P.)—Senator Charles L. McNary accused the Roosevelt Administration today of treating the country's 6,500,000 farm families as "guinea pigs for experiments toward the perfect, regimented state."

"The farmers—all the people—are entitled to a better deal than the New Deal," the Republican presidential nominee told a gathering of farmers here in the heart of the wheat belt.

Mr. McNary, making a campaign swing through Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, charged that the administration "has dodged the farm problem" since 1933, and that it is trying to solve it, "evaded, theorized and finally wrote a check."

"The New Deal has tried to buy its way out of trouble," he said.

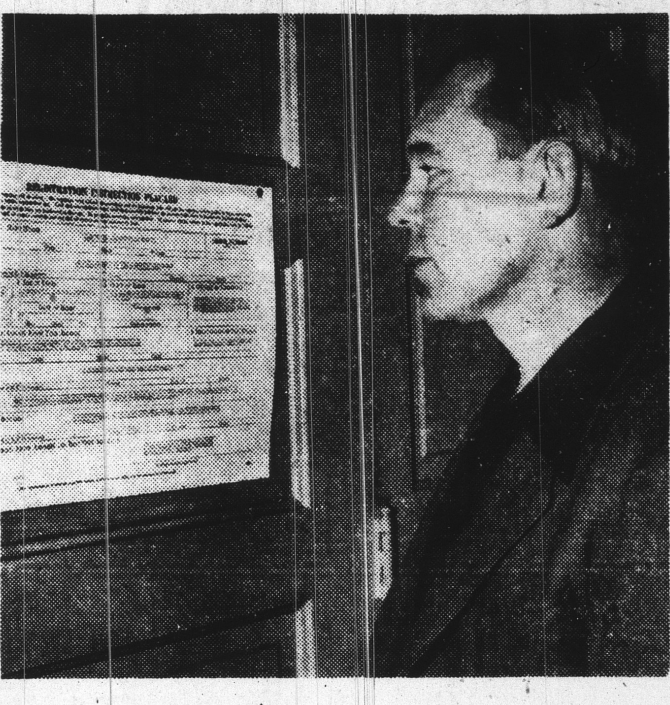
they all went to their seats like barbers ready for business. The registrant registered and left.

The registrars went back to talking. This time it was about the foreign situation and pretty soon, sure enough, they were in a conversational snarl again. They decided not to talk about THAT either.

Another registrant appeared, and they went to their places.

That's the way it went almost all day.

Not Such Dull Season



"The dull season isn't so dull after all," remarked Catcher John Riddle of the Kansas City Blues, as he studied a registration poster before registering at the Northwood Christian Church.

20,000 Register by Noon As County Answers R-Day

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move the trucks out into the street to make room.

At the Federal Building, a heavy flow of transients exceeded the expectations of officials and a long line formed.

It was the same story all over town. In one place, officials started their work at 6:35, after more than a dozen young men had lined up.

At another North Side fire station, more than 50 registrants were in line by 7:30.

For the typical young man, here is the procedure:

He goes to his registration site and waits in line. Seven clerks are taking the information. At the desk the registrar has two cards and a piece of paper in front of him. He asks the young man's name, then writes it on the paper.

Name Is Checked

"Is this right?" he asks.

If correct, he writes it on the card—one the size of a post card, the other of wallet size. Then he asks the 11 required questions—name, address, telephone number, age and date of birth, place of birth, country of citizenship, name of person who will always know your address, relationship of that person, address of that person, employer's name and place of employment or business.

The registrar fills in the answers. When he has finished, the young man checks the answers and signs the larger card, which is kept by the registrar. He also signs the other card and is warned to carry it with him at all times to prove that he has registered.

The young man then is given a bulletin of information—five pages of instructions, including a message from President Roosevelt.

Draft Numbers Later

Many of the young men expressed surprise that they did not receive draft numbers today. "This comes later," the registration cards will be turned over tomorrow to the local boards (there are 15 in Marion County). They will be shuffled and then stamped serially.

About Oct. 29, the national lottery will be held in Washington, when the President and other officials will draw the serial numbers. For instance, if a man holds serial number 1128 and that number is the fifth drawn from the fish bowl, his order number will be No. 5.

After the order numbers have been determined, each registrant will receive an eight-page questionnaire, the answers to which will aid in determining his classification—available for service at once or deferred.

60,000 Forms Distributed

Before the opening of registration places today, 60,000 forms were distributed in Marion County. At noon, Col. Frank Boatman, assisting Mr. Ettinger, said 10,000 more had been ordered and delivered and that 5000 more were on hand. However, he said he did not expect the registration to reach 70,000.

State officials received one jolt early. Charlestown, the boom town down on the Ohio River where the new Government powder plant is to be located, sent a rush order for 3000 more forms. They had run short during the Lieut. Col. Robinson Hitchcock, state director, dispatched the order by airplane, piloted by Lieut. Wilfred E. Brown of Stout Field.

At state headquarters, 711 N. Pennsylvania St., official clerks are on for all questions, eight telephone operators reported at 7 a. m. They were to work in relays of six. Calls came pouring in at the rate of 200 an hour. At 11:30, Col. Hitchcock sent over to the State Employment Agency for three more operators.

"Register in Own Precinct"

Most of the early confusion was caused by the attempts of some men to register at places other than their own precincts. They were accepted in some, rejected in others. Finally, Mr. Ettinger ruled that the precinct boards have a right to refuse to register persons from other wards or townships. You must register at the registration place designated for your precinct.

Col. Hitchcock supplemented this order by an explanation that the precinct boards must register a person "if that person can offer satisfactory reasons why he is unable to return to his own precinct for registration."

"We have to have some sort of restriction on the place of registration or it would cause no end of congestion," Col. Hitchcock said.

Mr. Ettinger pointed out that if a person registered outside his draft board area (usually composed of about three wards), it would involve a certain amount of risk of error and require the hiring of additional clerical help because the cards would have to be transferred.

Several factories asked that their

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THOUSANDS OF REGISTRANTS

Custodians Find 'Em in Line; Usual Chairs a Bit Too Small.

Custodians at many schools had not yet placed the signs which directed men to the registering rooms by the time the first of them had arrived. As a result, there was a good deal of tramping about school buildings by men who had not been in them for so long that they were easily lost and confused.

With the patience they exercise daily with the youngsters in their care, the custodians directed these early comers to the proper room, invited them to make themselves comfortable, and hastily stuck up the directing signs.

At some schools, registrants filled out their cards standing up, even though there were chairs and tables in the rooms. That situation, of course, developed early in the day and subsequently was remedied.

It came about because of the funny and unaccountable lapse in judgment of the custodians. They set the rooms with chairs and tables for small school children—not for adult "soldiers."

Many of the registering workers wore American Legion caps. Some of the stations were staffed almost exclusively with women—some of them old enough to have had sons in the last war. Although in many instances the registering staffs were late in getting set up for business, either because of confusion or late arrivals, there was very little criticism heard from the men waiting.

It may have been—certainly was—just a mistake on the part of officials. The one registering place was a funeral parlor. A funeral parlor, you non-combatants, is no place for a man to join the Army.

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The TRUMP is a soft, collared brother to Hitt. A specially woven collar fabric of great endurance... \$2

The GORDON—is the Oxford weave shirt that you see at all Avenues of Learning—button down collar... \$2

The DALE has an Arosset collar—fine, long-wearing—a great shirt in every way... 2.50

The ARATAB... is Arrow's fine-fitting tab collar. \$2.

The ARDEN... is a widespread-collar shirt. \$2.

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