

CONSCRIPTION

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(This broadcast was not given as Rep. Candidate Wendell Willkie used the bc. hour.)

The United States today entered on a new phase

~~of their~~ <sup>in its</sup> history. From now on, we are a country with a

national army, <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ military service becomes compulsory, ~~for~~

young America. Conscription became the law of the land shortly

after three o'clock this afternoon when President Roosevelt

signed the bill. <sup>TH</sup> With practically the same motion of his

hand ~~to~~ signed a proclamation designating October Sixteenth

as registration day for all young men between the ages of

twenty-one and thirty-five, inclusive. This means that some

sixteen and a half million men will have to ~~rex~~ register. They

will go to the polling places in the districts where they live

some time between seven o'clock in the morning and nine o'clock

in the evening on that date. <sup>The President</sup> ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ declined to declare

a national holiday, saying that it would disrupt industry

too much. But all employers and all government agencies

are urged to make it easy for their employees to register.

With this proclamation the President declared that

"America stands ~~at~~ the crossroads of its destiny. Time and

distance have been shortened. A few weeks have seen great

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nations fall. Therefore, the proclamation continues, we cannot remain indifferent to the ferocity and force now rampant in the world. The terrible fate of nations whose weakness invited attack is known to us all. So we must and will prevent our land from becoming the victim of aggression."

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Of course by no means all those sixteen and a half million who register October Sixteenth will become soldiers, our Army in peace time is never to become larger than Nine Hundred Thousand men. About Four Hundred Thousand of those who register will be enrolled into Uncle Sam's Army late this year. Their names will be drawn by lot.

~~Incidentally,~~ It is announced that all married men will be exempt from the first draft.

There was joy in Britain today over that record bag of German planes made by the Royal Air Force. The hundred and eighty-five Nazi flying ships destroyed yesterday bring the total of Nazi raiders shot down since the raids began, up to two thousand, one hundred and sixty-eight. The highest daily record before yesterday was on August Fifteenth, when a hundred and eighty-one Nazis were bagged.

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And here's an estimate of Britain's Air defenses, ~~in~~ which comes from a source which certainly is not pro-British. The official news agency of Japan reports that British Air defenses are showing vast improvement. The Britons have a ~~new~~ new balloon barrage, so says the Japanese report, which is able to fly much higher than hitherto, and offers new hazards to German raiders. Also, the curtain of fire sent up by anti-aircraft guns ~~z~~ creates a zone <sup>thru</sup> which no plane can fly except at extreme ~~peril~~ peril. Such is the Japanese estimate.

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The satisfaction of the British was expressed by Prime Minister Winston Churchill tonight. He congratulated the command of the Royal Air Force and said the results of their efforts, in his own words, "exceed all expectation and give us a just and ~~new~~ sober confidence in the approaching struggle." Churchill declared that those hundred and eighty-five Nazis were shot down yesterday by the Royal Air Force using ~~it~~ only a small portion of its total strength and under cloud conditions of some difficulty. The R.A.F. was helped by squadrons of Czechs and Poles.

And today the R.A.F. flew out on raids of its own, attacking Nazi airports and distributing centers ranging all the way from North Germany ~~to~~ down to the Nazi bases in France.

Late today came the news that British flyers had bombed the great Tempelhof Airport at Berlin for the second time. They also raided railway yards all over Germany.

There were five air alarms in London today, but the British say the raids were easily broken up. Berlin declares

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that there were no mass air attacks on Britain because Marshal Goering decided the weather was not suitable.

Earlier in the day, there was a report of a peasoup fog over Dover. Over here we don't know exactly whether those peasoup fogs would be suitable to an invasion or would make it prohibitive. At any rate, it wasn't tested because presently the wind came up to dissipate the fog.

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Late this evening the British war cabinet issued another warning, a belief that the Nazi invasion may come at any ~~MOSE~~ hour.

GOERING

A challenger to a duel <sup>has just been</sup> sent out, ~~from these~~  
~~United States~~, and the challenged party is Reichs Marshal  
Herman Goering, Number Two Man of the Nazis, builder and  
head of their air force. The challenger is none other than  
Colonel Hubert Fauntelroy Julian, known <sup>as</sup> ~~at his own wish, as~~  
<sup>of Harlem,</sup> the "Black Eagle", Colonel Julian, you ~~will~~ remember, was once  
head of the Air Force of the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia,  
Commander-in-Chief of both the Emperor's planes. Colonel  
Julian became incensed at something he heard. He was told that  
~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler, in his book, Mein Kampf, had written a disparaging  
remark about negroes. When Colonel Julian heard this he rushed  
out and bought a copy of Mein Kampf, found there the disparaging  
remark, and promptly sent a radiogram to Marshal Goering.  
Colonel Julian sent this cable, in his own words, "as the  
pioneer aviator and aeronautical representative of the millions  
of intrepid negroes of the world."

Colonel Julian went on to express the resentment  
of all negroes at the dastardly insult. How about Toussaint  
Louverture, he asked, the Emperor Haiti, the Black Napoleon.

How about thousands of black scientists and intellectuals?

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ended his radiogram by challenging and defying **Herman**

Goering as Head of the Nazi Air Force to meet Colonel Julian at ten thousand feet above the English Chennel to fight an aerial duel. Neutral correspondents to serve as referees.

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Colonel Julian now reports that he <sup>has</sup> received a telegram

~~in~~ message from a Military Attache of the German Embassy accepting his challenge. Colonel Julian announces that he is ~~going~~ going to purchase one of the two captured Messerschmitt planes recently offered for sale by the British Government. Colonel Julian went on to say that he will machine-gun the life out of the man whom he describes as "a nothing divided by nothing". The Black Eagle adds that he has but one life to give and he gives it gladly and with his whole heart.

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Incidentally, it was made public today that Goering had taken part personally in one of yesterday's raids over Britain. Hitler's Air Marshal, in his day, was one of Germany's famous aces. During the last war he belonged to the Flying Circus of Baron Von Richthofen, the Red Knight. And after

Richthofen was killed, Goering took his place as Commander of that squadron.

Since those days, he ~~xx~~ has notoriously gained quite a bit <sup>in</sup> of weight. But in spite of his now huge size, it is reported that he has made several short flights and yesterday ~~he himself~~ piloted a Junkers Eighty-Eight type bomber, escorted by two Messerschmitt destroyer planes. And he chose the day for his flight over England when no fewer than a hundred and eighty-five German planes were shot down by the Royal Air Force. This, is ~~xx~~ according to British accounts.

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WILLKIE

The Presidential campaign got hot, really hot for the first time today. Wendell Willkie, the G.O.P. candidate, let loose a blast against President Roosevelt that made the welkin ring.

The speech that Willkie thundred out at Coffeyville, Kansas, was the first important adress he had made since his speech of acceptance on August Seventeenth. And the place where he made it, Coffeyville, Kansas was the place where twenty-six years ago he had taught in the local high school.

On the way to Coffeyville, the Willkie special train stopped here and there for back platform speeches. In one of them <sup>the</sup> Candidate declared that President Roosevelt has contributed to the collapse of democracy in the world by failing to build a strong economy in America.

~~Incidentally,~~ It was noticed that his throat seemed  
— after his weekend trouble —  
to be much better and his voice sounded clear and strong, though  
a trifle husky.

At Pleasant Hill, Missouri, Willkie asked the crowd  
gathered round the rear platform to stand still for a minute  
in complete silence out of respect not only to the late Speaker  
Bankhead but also the Late Glenn Frank of Wisconsin, Chairman

of the Republican Platform Committee *who was killed  
along with his son, Glenn Jr., in a motor  
accident.*

At another place the local speaker who introduced  
him declared that Willkie had been "drafted by the American

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people". That the Republican Candidate would not permit, for  
he said, that no one had drafted him to run for President and,  
he declared: ~~(I quote)~~: "I sought it and I make no pretense about  
that," *said Willkie.*

The strongest statement he kept for the speech at  
Coffeyville, where he made the allegation that if President  
Roosevelt is re-elected there will be a totalitarian government  
in America before the end of that long third term. *That* Another  
*definitely bring* to the U.S.A.  
four years of Mr. Roosevelt will ~~mean~~ dictatorship. And, he also

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alleged that ~~Mr.~~<sup>the</sup> Roosevelt's administration had materially helped the aggressive plans of Hitler. ~~Then he said; I quote:~~  
"I deny that Franklin Roosevelt, whatever his intentions, is the defender of democracy." And he added: "I charge that his influence has weakened democracy throughout the world."  
Then he continued: "I say nothing about the personal motives of Mr. Roosevelt. He may not want dictatorship. But, in his hands our traditions are not safe". And <sup>then</sup> ~~he~~ explained: "Mr. Roosevelt has lost his grip on our American principles."

He absolved the President of evil intentions, but made his remarks all the more cutting by attributing his faults to weakness. "Mr. Roosevelt," said Willkie, "is being pushed, I believe against his will, towards unconstitutional government."  
~~Then, Willkie continued:~~ "Mr. Roosevelt is being pushed by the foreign situation in which he considers himself justified in violating the Constitution. He is also being pushed by his failure to relieve us of unemployment. This has been the root of dictatorships in other lands." And he continued: "Mr. Roosevelt

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"Mr. Roosevelt is being pushed by his own incompetence to deal with American industry, an incompetence from which his only escape can be confiscation of our enfeebled enterprises.

Then he said further that a man who cannot save democracy in peace cannot save it in a crisis. "Mr. Roosevelt," said Willkie, does not trust us any longer, and that is why he has concentrated power in his own hands." Willkie then made a list of the authorities the President has concentrated within his hands. He has power, says Willkie to close all of our banks whenever he wishes, power to change overnight the value of the money you and I carry in our pockets, power to raise and lower the tariff, power to issue several billion dollars' worth of paper money, power to close the stock exchanges. If he declared another emergency, the President could close all the broadcasting stations, and he has declared forty emergencies in the last seven years.

Willkie's remarks last week about the Munich business evidently aroused the anger of the New Deal in Washington.

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You will recall that ~~On~~ Saturday Willkie laid the blame ~~on~~  
for of the Munich surrender on Mr. Roosevelt's shoulders. That  
provoked a reply today from Secretary Hull, a reply in which  
Hull said that Willkie's assertions were untrue and, the  
Secretary added, they make it evident Willkie is grossly  
ignorant of the history of the last few years, Hull said further  
that the President has never communicated by telephone with  
either Premier Mussolini or Chancellor Hitler. And the  
Secretary of State added that all the President has ever urged  
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provisions of the Kellogg Pact. And he illustrated with  
the events of September, Nineteen Thirty-Eight, when Mr.  
Roosevelt specifically urged that all the nations involved  
should be represented at the conference in Munich, meaning  
that Czechoslovakia should be included.

Such is the New Deal's answer to one of Willkie's  
charges.

JOHNSON FOLLOW WILLKIE

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The prize for the most amusing political comment today goes to General Hugh C. Johnson. Old <sup>Iron</sup> ~~Tin~~ Pants was commenting on the ~~new mark~~ <sup>remarks</sup> by New York's Mayor LaGuardia last week, the remark in which the Mayor declared that he hates politics. ~~So that Hugh Johnson says:~~ <sup>says Gen,</sup> "Fiorello hates politics ~~xx~~ the way a horse hates hay."

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~~And I'll venture to assert that this is one remark that Mayor Fiorello will understand and appreciate.~~