

P.J. - Sunoco. Aug. 1, 1940. Thursday.

The Democratic Party today selected its national chairman and campaign manager in the fight for a third term. The decision was made by a conference of Democratic ~~term~~ leaders at the White House - a committee of five appointed for the task. Also in attendance were President Roosevelt, vice-presidential candidate Henry Wallace, and retiring National Chairman James A. Farley.

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After the committee adjourned, Jim Farley walked into the office of White House Secretary Steve Early, and there he made a formal announcement. He said:- "The committee of five appointed by the Democratic National Chairman at Chicago had a meeting with the President and Secretary Wallace." Then Jim Farley added: "Edward Flynn of New York has agreed to accept the chairmanship on August Seventeenth." So now we know - the New York Democratic leader, Chieftain of the Bronx, will run the Third Term Campaign.

Edward J. Flynn has been for years an influential figure in the Democratic party. Like Jim Farley, he's an Irishman and a Catholic. Unlike Farley, he's a big town politician, instead of up-state. He has long been closely associated with

President Roosevelt, was appointed to a state office by F.D.R.  
when the latter was Governor of New York. Now he will fill the  
large campaign managing shoes of the Political Magician,  
Jim Farley.

## THIRD PARTY

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Here's a familiar term - "third party." Just as familiar as "Third Term". Odd, when you think of it, how the American tradition has run in the figure "two" - two parties, two terms. <sup>Now!</sup> The one who wants to violate the two-party tradition is Senator Lundeen of Minnesota. Today he issued a ~~2~~ call for a convention to meet at Chicago. What's the issue? "The interventionist policy," says the Senator. He charges that both ~~X~~ major parties, Democratic and Republican, Roosevelt and Willkie, would get ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ us into the war. He said that both candidates advocate what he called "aiding Great Britain to the limit of our capacity", and placing at that nation's disposal all American resources - to the end that the British Empire might win the war." The ~~xxxxxx~~ result will be to get us in, said he.

So the Senator is calling a convention ~~to~~ for a third party - a non-interventionist <sup>party.</sup> ~~He states his program~~ ~~in these terms: "Absolute neutrality and America first."~~ It remains to be seen how much of a third party, as well as a third term we'll have in this campaign. Whether we'll

## CONSCRIPTION

Once more the word about the Conscription Bill is -- delay. Today the ~~militaryxxxxxxx~~ Military Affairs Committee of the Senate postponed action on the measure -- because of a strong move to limit the scope of any conscription that may be decreed. An amendment has been introduced to limit the number ~~of men~~ <sup>men</sup> to one million. ~~The idea would be -- let the~~  
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Draft <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ half million men this fall and another half million next spring. But no more! <sup>except of course</sup> ~~save~~ by further authorization ~~on the part~~ of Congress.

The bill as it stands now calls for the conscription of men between twenty-one and thirty-one. The number that could be drafted under this provision is estimated to be four and a half million, a lot more than the one million now suggested.

Today's proposal was introduced in the form of an amendment by Senator Lee of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Oklahoma. It was seconded by Senator ~~xxxxxx~~ Bridges of New Hampshire. Senator Bridges declared that the purpose of the amendment was to limit the power of the President in calling out men for military service -- limit the number. The Senator does not want the President to have the authority to summon what he called -- a tremendous number. Not four and a half million. " We merely

want," said he, "to have a check on this power by something other than the President." Meaning -- check by Congress.

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The Committee is going to hold a hearing to consider this new idea, and chiefs of the Army will be invited to give their opinion.

Meanwhile, the bill to call the National Guard for actual training is on its way through Congress, without any particular trouble.

The subject of defense, our defense, anybody's defense - is illuminated by a book published today. It's about British armament, and the author is a son of the United States Ambassador to London, Joseph B. Kennedy. Why was Britain, and why was France for that matter - caught unprepared? ~~Young~~ Kennedy uses the expression - sleep. The ~~xxxxx~~ title of his book is - "why Britain slept." It was because of the normal political working of a peaceable democracy. Sleeping while danger was growing.

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The ~~R~~ Ambassador's son make<sup>2</sup> one most interesting point to account for the new and startling methods of war. ~~displayed by the Nazi blitzkrieg~~ The Versailles Treaty limited Germany to an army of a hundred thousand men and ten thousand officers. The term of enlistment was long, twelve years. So there were no masses of recruits to train every year. The German officers corps was not kept busy with that. In France, ~~on the contrary~~, the officers in the army had to train hundreds of thousands of recruits every year - they had their hands full. In the small British army, the officers

were engaged in the large job of policing the vast empire.

But the German officers corps had endless time, nothing to do - but study new tactics, experiment with new weapons, ~~and~~ devise new ways of waging war. Hence all the novelty and surprise.

PANAMA

*U.S.* *just rounded up a lot*  
The army at Panama has ~~arabbed a bunch~~ of secret  
foreign agents, ~~foreign~~ spies. How many? *Why,* ~~How~~ eighty-one.

This was <sup>s</sup>tated today by Secretary of War Stimson. What's

to be done with the eighty-one? The Secretary answered

that in these words - "they are being detained at the

~~imm~~ immigration station awaiting arrangements for deportation

or other disposition." He ~~xi~~ didn't say - what other

disposition.

Concerning the alien situation at the Canal,

The Secretary added - "there are no aliens employed either  
by the army or by the Canal Zone other than Panamanians."

That's reassuring to hear, and it would be more so if we could  
be certain that no Panamanian would ever be tempted to do a  
little spying.



L ondon poñts to a whole series of indications, which can be put together to give a general impression of the new Nazi sky and sea c ampaign.

German air raids during the past weeks have been concentrating especially on British ports and shipping, merchant vessels and convoys. It is admitted that the bombing has done heavy damage to harbors, and that numbers of merchant ships have been sunk. Today it was that same story all over again., German bombs dropping on coastal areas -- with the Royal Air Force striking back. And, in retaliation, British planes inflicted heavy damage on the large city of Hanover.

Of recent months, the German submarine force has been relatively inactive, playing only a minor part. But now the British see U-Boat activity speeded up. The Nazi Navy has specialized in small, short-range submarines -for operation in nearby British waters. These are out in force. But Germany has also a number of larger long range U-Boats, the ~~xm~~ type familiar in the World War. And Italy has a fleet of undersea craft for operation at a distance. So Nazi Fascist operations are being extended out ~~i~~ onto the high sea. There's a sign of this in a distress message picked up at New York today. The steamship Theseus sent out a wireless signal - "attacked by a submarine!" Position three hundred and sixty miles off the west coast of Ireland.

Nazi speed boats are operating especially in the English channel, darting at convoys and seeking to make torpedo attacks. They <sup>are</sup> ~~no~~ useful only at short range, in narrow ~~a~~ waters - like the Channel.

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And, <sup>loose,</sup> Sea raiders are known to be <sup>out</sup> ~~out~~ on the ocean. Two merchant ships are listed as victims. Perhaps they were sunk

by the raider which recently had a fight with the British auxiliary cruiser, Alcantara. The Nazi craft was damaged in an exchange of gunfire. The British fighting ship was hit too. The Alcantara today put in at Rio de Janeiro for repairs and it is disclosed that she got a shell in her boiler room. A lucky hit by a Nazi gun, say the British.

All the evidence, says London, points to a concerted four-way attack on British shipping - a coordination of ~~XXXXX~~ submarines, bombs, ~~XXXXX~~ motor-torpedo-boats and sea-raiders. Perhaps this is the real attempt by which Nazi Germany hopes to defeat

Great Britain. ~~Maybe the German plan all along has been -- that~~

~~kind of blockade. German and Italian sources are now hinting again~~

~~that invasion may not necessarily be the strategy. Or perhaps, thinks London, the new four-way attack may be intended to weaken British resistance, a preparation for the much talked of, much expected, and long delayed invasion.~~

FRANCE

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The expected anti-semitic campaign in France is developing. Today the French radio blared denunciations of important personalities in the world of finance and art. The nature of the attack was clearly expressed in the phrase - "they were Jews before they were French." <sup>And -</sup> They are blamed for leaving the country after the surrender to Nazi Germany. To which one would be tempted to retort - what else could they do?

The radio blast today mentioned prominent Jewish names, the most notable of which was -- Rothschild, various members of the famous banking house of ~~Rothman~~ Rothschild.

On top of that, the Government of Marshall Petain has ordered the confiscation of the property of some of the wealthiest of French citizens. Chief among these is Baron Edouard de Rothschild. The Baron is in the United States right now. He arrived as a refugee, bringing with him a million dollars worth of jewels. There are other Jewish names on the list of those whose wealth is to be confiscated.

There are gentile names too -- and famous ones, some of the best known ~~names~~ of French journalists and authors. It isn't stated what these have to confiscate -- literary folk usually haven't got so much. ~~(out this, if necessary)~~.

## SOVIET

There was an official declaration of policy in Soviet Russia today. Foreign Commissar Molotov made a series of statements to the gathering of the supreme Soviets.

cut { They can simply be described in these terms:- Favorable to the totalitarian powers, Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Japan. Hostile to Great Britain and, for that matter - to the United States.

Molotov remarked that the end of the war is not in sight, and he added decisively - that the Soviets will remain neutral. He said that Great Britain <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ fighting with the assistance of the United States and that the war may spread.

Concerning Nazi Germany, he stated that there was no change in the relations based on the Stalin-Hitler pact and Molotov described that pact in these significant words:-

"Insurance of ~~Germany~~ German security in the East."

Concerning Italy. "It must also be noted," said Stalin's foreign Commissar, "that our relations with Italy have lately improved. An exchange of views with Italy," he added, "has revealed that there is every possibility of our

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countries <sup>reaching a</sup> ~~to insure~~ mutual understanding ~~on the~~ foreign policy."

He spoke in much the same tone about Japan.

Concerning England, Molotov declared himself in these terms:- "It is difficult to imagine good relations with England, considering all of her hostile acts against the Soviet Union." He referred to the appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Labor Party Leader who is now British Ambassador to Moscow. He said the appointment of Cripps indicated that Great Britain desires to improve its relations with the Soviets. But he summarized in these words:- "as regards Soviet-British relations, no essential changes have lately occurred in them."

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The United States. The Foreign Commissar had nothing friendly to say about this nation of ours - just the reverse. "I cannot say anything good of Soviet-United States Relations," he proclaimed. And his tone was not at all cordial when he made this comment:- "The success of the Soviet Union has not pleased the United States - but this," he added scornfully, "does not interest us."

## WRECK

Today railroad officials rendered a verdict on the frightful train wreck in Ohio last evening. The blame is put on the crew of the single motor driven ~~XXXXX~~ coach that crashed head-on into a freight train. They disobeyed an order to turn off onto a siding and wait till the freight train had passed. Then, having disobeyed one order, they ignored another - having to do with signals. So stated officials of the railroad today - explaining why the single gasoline driven ~~XXXX~~ passenger coach and the freight train, running in opposite directions, crashed head on. Forty-three passengers and trainmen killed.

The fantastic horror of the accident is vividly told in the story of an eye-witness. Wesley J. Payne of Cuyahoga Falls was approaching the railroad track when the single passenger coach went speeding by. He knew it well. It was called the Doodlebug. Wesley Payne did not see the freight train coming. The Doodlebug whizzed by, and he was about to cross the track. "Then in a ~~xxx~~ split second," he relates, "I thought I was dreaming and in another world. There was a terrific crash about a hundred feet to my left, and the next



thing I know the Doodlebug was coming right back past me."

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The single coach had been knocked all the way back by the impact with the freight train, a double header, two locomotives and seventy-four freight cars. "Just as the Doodlebug was in front of me," Wesley Payne goes on, "a rain of flame flew all around, and the coach was white with fire. The Doodlebug seemed

crushed like a matchbox - a mass of flames. Then", he ~~adds~~ <sup>adds, "I</sup>

~~adds saw~~  
~~xxxx~~ "the double-header freight train, ~~ground to a stop~~ about two hundred feet to my right, the first ten or twelve of its cars ablaze."

For a final comment, there is nothing more vivid than to repeat this concluding statement of Wesley Payne:

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"I spent fifteen months in the World War," says he, "and was in the Battle of St. Mihiel and the Argonne, but in that train car crash I saw the worst five minutes of death and damage I've ever seen."

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And now Hugh, tell us something to cheer us up.