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TWO GERMAN PLANES SHOT DOWN IN RAID

Nazi Raiders Run Into Roaring Defense On British Coast

LONDON, March 11 (AP).—Two German raiding planes were downed in flames early Tuesday as the Nazi air force assaulted a south coast city in the roaring twin defenses of night fighters and anti-aircraft cannon.

The Germans concentrated on the unidentified city for the second successive night after British RAF had streaked across the English channel to pound the port of Boulogne in a night follow-up of three unopposed daylight sweeps over German-occupied France, British sources said.

London itself had four alarms, so before midnight and two afterward, but saw and heard no planes. All were reported turned back over the Thames estuary by curtains of anti-aircraft fire.

One bomber shot down over the south coast roared like a rocket directly into the sea, while the other landed on shore and blew up with a shattering explosion of its racked bombs.

Whether fighters of ground guns normally do the pair was not specified, but the pair were declared to have been extremely active at the time.

The town was reported to have suffered light casualties, but buildings were damaged.

German planes also were reported over east Anglia, northeast of London, Liverpool and another northwest city.

The violent explosions shook the Kent coast from a violent bombing, as the British air ministry was announcing that three German bombers were shot down during the day.

The defense forces were reported to be active during the day.

The ministry said no opposition was met from the German Luftwaffe during the day raids, but that one British plane was brought down by heavy anti-aircraft fire.

When the night sweep started, thousands of residents along the Kent coast had a grandstand view of French coast searchlights stabilizing the sky toward mid-channel and flares gleaming above Boulogne.

Continuing a series of prayer services preparatory to the annual spring revival to begin on March 23, members of the First Christian church are urged to meet at the church Wednesday night at 8 o'clock for a service under the leadership of the Willing Workers Sunday school class.

The revival, scheduled to continue through Easter Sunday, will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. R. Wright. Date and hour of the next prayer service will be announced later.

Mrs. John Hudson Reported Improved

Word from Fort Worth Monday stated that Mrs. John Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward, is considerably improved after a critical illness of several weeks. She had been at the home of her parents, and was removed to the Methodist hospital in Fort Worth last week.

Accompanying Mrs. Hudson to Fort Worth were: Mr. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hudson, all of Abilene, and Mrs. Pearl Hazlett of Cisco, Mrs. Hudson's sister.

Weather

EAST TEXAS: Fair, slightly cooler on coast Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy, warmer in west portion; moderate northerly winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS: Fair Tuesday, except becoming cloudy with snow squalls and colder over panhandle late Tuesday; Wednesday mostly cloudy and colder, with fresh to strong northeasterly winds.

Nazis Ready to Pounce on Greeks



Map above shows towns, rivers and railroads along the Greece-Bulgaria border, where long-threatened Balkan explosion may occur, with Germans fighting Greeks and British.



German generals believed likely to command drive on



Greece are Von Falkenhorst, left, and Von List, right.



Prime object of German blow is Salonika, above.

NAVAL BASES FROM BRITISH GET SENATE OK

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP).—The senate gave swift and unanimous approval Monday to legislation authorizing the establishment of naval air stations at eight bases being acquired from Great Britain in exchange for destroyers.

Construction work at the British bases, estimated to cost \$58,250,000, was part of a \$346,031,383 program which included also strengthening facilities at Guam and Samoa and development of defense works in the Alaskan, Panama canal, Caribbean and continental United States areas.

The program had previously been authorized by the house, which now must act on senate amendments.

In connection with one part of the building program at the Norfolk navy yard, the committee reported that "a large number of expeditionary landing boats are being assembled in the Norfolk area in connection with expeditionary force preparations."

The navy explained that this meant that 404 blunt-nose, open craft were being built as "normal preparedness measure" and would be stored until needed. No specific expedition was contemplated, naval officials emphasized. The vessels are being built at New Orleans at a cost of about \$5,000,000.

Close on the heels of the naval public works measure, the senate approved a \$1,535,607,102 supplemental defense fund, of which \$169,415,000 would be allocated for carrying out projects previously authorized. The amount included \$4,700,000 for Guam and \$8,100,000 for Samoa, as well as cash for some of the British base development projects.

The appropriation measure, which now goes back to the house for action on senate amendments, carried \$157,102,500 in contract authority and the balance in cash, the total being \$187,500 more than was voted by the house.

TWO DIE IN CRASH

HEMET, Calif., March 11 (AP).—A flying instructor and a cadet were killed when their training plane collided with another Monday, but the cadet flier in the second plane bailed out and escaped with injuries.

Welfare Board Makes Monthly Report Today

The Cisco Charity and Welfare board had its regular monthly meeting at the chamber of commerce offices this morning at 9:30 with Dr. Gary Smith, vice president, in charge.

In reviewing the work of the association for the period since the last business meeting, Mrs. B. S. Huey, executive secretary, reported that approximately 25 acres of land have been transformed into spring vegetable gardens by members on the welfare rolls. These gardens will help feed between 75 and 100 persons, Mrs. Huey stated.

The plots of ground were measured by the owners, and seeds and plants were donated in proportion. Reports on the yield of the gardens will be made to the office. It was pointed out, however, that there is still a need for more vegetable seeds and plants.

In response to this need, citizens were urged to cooperate in the flower and plant exchange to be held by the Cisco Garden club in the welfare office Saturday morning. Mrs. H. C. Henderson will be in charge.

A call was also made for donations of household furnishings, curtains, rugs, pictures, vases, etc., as well as the usual demand for clothing and shoes.

According to records 497 persons passed through the office during the past month.

Well In Southwest Stephens Drills In

BRECKENRIDGE, March 11 (AP).—Aragon Oil company was reported drilling in today on its No. 2 Mueller, section 10, OAL survey, in the southwest part of Stephens county.

This company, successor to the Swadmo company, set pipe on the Caddo line there several days ago, but has been delayed by the weather, and to clean out.

Wittmer, Knight & Ewing, drilling on their sixth well in the Loving pool southwest Stephens section 12, OAL, were reported down to 2,000 feet.

Rhodes & Highers of Breckenridge No. 20 W. Y. Davis, in a north extension area of the Hope pool in Shackelford county, pumped 29.21 barrels of oil after a 20-quart shot of nitro in sand at 1,178-1,203 feet, total depth. It is 220 feet from the north and 2,420 feet from the east lines of section 13-12-T&P survey.

PROGRAM FOR ANNIVERSARY BANQUET SET

The John Williams Butts American Legion Post 123 Friday evening will celebrate its 22nd anniversary of organization when it is honored with a banquet at the First Christian church at 7 o'clock. The banquet will be given by the Legion auxiliary.

Mrs. L. Smart is general chairman of arrangements for the banquet, and is being assisted by capable committees. Mrs. Leon McPherson, district auxiliary committeewoman, who presided at the recent American Legion auxiliary district convention, is chairman of the program committee. Mrs. J. J. Tableman is president of the auxiliary.

Speaker for the evening will be the past national legion chaplain, the Rev. Bryan Keathley, now pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Mineral Wells. The Rev. Keathley is an inspiring speaker and will bring a message of interest to the general public. Special music will be brought by Miss Billye Cole, vocalist.

Tickets are being sold this week by members of the auxiliary. The price is 50 cents per plate, and the public is urged to attend.

Health Units Placed In Troop Areas

AUSTIN, March 11 (AP).—Establishment of health units in areas where military troops are concentrated has been a specific responsibility of the state health department in the national defense program, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, announced.

These health units designed to maintain the health of the civilian population in areas adjacent to military reservations have regulatory public health control of all the territory within a radius of 5 to 15 miles from the reservations proper.

The personnel of these units, specifically trained in the technique of military and public health, guard against unsanitary practices in the production and distribution of milk and food supplies. Special attention is also given to water supplies and sewage disposal within the area. Housing codes have been set up to minimize hazards which under ordinary circumstances exist. Permits are required for the construction of new buildings.

HOUSE BOOSTS TAX BILL TO 23 MILLIONS

Solons Labor Far Into Night On Omnibus Measure

AUSTIN, March 11 (AP).—Refusing to take time out for dinner or supper, weary house members labored far into the night on an omnibus tax bill which they hoped would raise enough money to care adequately for the state's social security needs.

Sponsors of the measure expressed confidence the house would stay in continuous session until the bill is passed. The senate cannot consider new taxes until after the house acts.

By early last night, the \$14,500,000 a year new taxes contained in the original bill had been boosted to around \$23,700,000. Governor O'Daniel had criticized the measure on grounds it would not raise anything like as much revenue as was needed.

The house voted to impose a levy of 4 1/2 per cent of value on oil, a corporation franchise tax of 1-1/4 cent per thousand cubic feet on sweet gas production and of \$1.35 per ton on sulphur.

\$9,000,000 a Year

Members estimated that the oil tax yield would be \$9,000,000 a year more than at the current rate of 2 3/4 per cent, and the franchise tax would bring in about \$6,000,000 a year, compared to the current \$1,300,000.

The increase in the natural gas production tax had been more than 100 per cent in the original bill, and the house upped the proposed rate from 15 to 1-1/4 cent. The present levy is three per cent of value.

The present sulphur levy is \$1.03 a ton, and the bill recommended by the taxation committee provided that it be boosted to \$1.15.

In addition to the gas production tax, the bill also levied a tax of 1-1/4 cent per thousand cubic feet on gas gathering. Representatives from the panhandle asserted that the tax increase on the gas industry would be 800 per cent.

Rep. Jack Little of Amarillo would not avail that the gas tax should be left on a percentage of value basis, so as not to penalize persons who have to sell their gas for one cent a thousand cubic feet or less.

Exempt P. per Miles

The house adopted an amendment to exempt from the gas gathering tax the gas used for fuel by the Southland Paper Mills, Inc., of Lufkin.

After comparatively brief argument, an amendment levying a 50 cents tax on each liquor prescription issued in a dry county was tacked on to the bill. A substitute raising the assessment to 75 cents was killed. Proponents said the levy would help keep dry counties dry and asserted the prescription liquor business in such counties was "nefarious and illegal."

Rep. G. C. Morris of Greenville, with other authors of the committee-drawn omnibus bill, stated it would contribute \$8,000,000 a year to old age pensions, "nearly double what pensioners are now getting"; \$2,500,000 to teachers retirement; \$3,000,000 to aid the adult blind; \$1,500,000 for aid to dependent children, and

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Baptist Conclave Postponed to March 18

The Baptist district young people's conclave, scheduled to be held in Rising Star this evening at 7:30, has been postponed until the same hour on Tuesday, March 18, it was announced today.

The change was made, it was pointed out, because of numerous training union study courses being held over the district this week. The Cisco Y. W. A. will not have its weekly meeting tonight because of the First Baptist training course, it was announced by the counselor, Mrs. M. B. Osburn.

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Falling Roof Kills Ten



An unidentified fireman is helped from a Brockton, Mass., theater after a balcony fell killing 10 of the 20 men who were fighting an early morning blaze. The roof of the theater had been weakened by ice, snow and fire. (NEA Telephoto.)

New Airport Is Inspected Today

The inspector for the Civil Aeronautics authority arrived shortly after noon today to inspect the new Cisco municipal airport for CAA approval as the training port for the Cisco Junior college pilot training school this spring. The inspector arrived by plane, landing on the new port about 1:30.

O'Daniel Throws Fat Into Fire With Legislature

By Harry Benze Crozier

AUSTIN, March 11.—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, who fled from the world of trade to twist the tails of professional politicians with such success that he became chief executive of the state—and, perhaps, to a union card as a working politician—has thrown the fat slab-dab into the fire. It's a sort of halfway station this week in the 120-day life of the legislature and the governor chose the occasion to precipitate or pose at least a possible deadlock conflict between the legislative and executive branches of the government.

The legislature can keep on keeping on after the lapse of 120 days if it chooses by vote so to do at a salary per member reduced from \$10 to \$5 a day.

Governor O'Daniel wants immediate, responsive and favorable action in the legislature on his proposal of an appropriation of \$2,800,000 to pay the old folks and sundry others entitled under the Texas spirit of benevolence to grants from the state. He wants too a tax producing measure that will return to the state treasury something like \$50,000 a year. He made all of this plainer when he addressed the people of Texas over the radio Sunday morning in the curiously enchanting O'Daniel blending of God, mother and state.

Modest Legislature

The legislature, in which only

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Brother-in-Law Is Killed In Accident

T. G. Caudle, Cisco vocational agriculture teacher, left hurriedly for Stephenville this morning upon receipt of a telephone message that his brother-in-law, Earl Frey, a Stephenville banker, had been killed in an automobile accident.

There were no further details of the accident. Funeral services were to be held at 2 or 3:30 tomorrow afternoon, friends here learned.

7 BILLIONS MAY BE AID BILL REQUEST

Lease Lend Bill Final Passage Is Expected Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Members of the house appropriations committee, leaving a White House conference at noon today, where President Roosevelt conferred with committee members and fiscal advisors, said the president plans to ask for \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to put the huge United States defense program under way as soon as the lease-lend bill is passed.

House approval of the bill was expected today with the bill due to reach the president tonight for signature. The bill needs only a few formalities to make it law. Approval of senate amendments was expected to be voted after a brief debate.

Roosevelt spent a busy Monday conferring with advisors and Speaker Sam Rayburn of the house said the chief executive would send to congress by mid-week his initial request for cash and contract authorizations under the program.

Reliable sources have indicated, however, that long before these funds specifically earmarked for British arms can be voted, naval vessels and other equipment now on hand will be on their way to the British. The lease-lend bill empowers the president to transfer up to \$1,300,000,000 of existing munitions and supplies. It was reported that large numbers of army and navy bombers are already held in readiness for transfer to the British as soon as authorization of the lease-lend program is completed.

Training Union Study Course Starts Monday

A Baptist Training union study course was started at the First Baptist church on Monday evening. Classes were organized for every age group, and the public was cordially invited to attend every evening this week from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Inspirational and recreation periods have been planned to vary the study program. Tonight the Rev. J. R. Wright, pastor of the First Christian church, will speak to the assembly.

The following courses are being taught: Adults, "Working Together in a Spiritual Democracy," by Mrs. C. P. Cole, and "Growing a Christian," by Mrs. J. R. Burnett; young people and seniors, "Modern Training Union Methods," by Mrs. Paul Culp; intermediates, "Not Your Own," by Mrs. Jack Abel, and juniors, "The Junior and the Church," by Mrs. John Smith.

The church nursery is open every night for small children of those who wish to attend.

Britain Refuses To Relax Blockade

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP).—In the face of French threats to arm or convey supply ships through the British blockade, the United States raised the question of food for unoccupied France and Great Britain again Monday, but without any apparent result.

Viscount Halifax, the British ambassador, said the matter arose during a brief conference with Secretary of State Hull but he indicated the British had no intention of relaxing the blockade further in favor of the Vichy government.

The ambassador said his government had made plain its reasons for refusing to allow food into German-occupied territory in a new statement here last night, adding that unoccupied France was in a somewhat different position but raised similar problems.

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It Won't Happen Here

THE fact that definite hemisphere defense
measures are being taken jointly with
Mexico is the best news for a long time.

For two years, one country after another
in Europe has been mowed down simply be-
cause it would not join with others for de-
fense. If Norway, Sweden and Finland had
stood firmly together—? If Czechoslovakia,
Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, ul-
garia and Greece could have formed a joint
defense—? If France, England and Russia
had stood firmly behind Czechoslovakia—?

But no, Poland refused to help Czecho-
slovakia; picked pieces from her carcass in-
stead. The Finns made their stand alone.
France and England were not ready to sup-
port Czechoslovakia. Nobody cared when
Albania was invaded. Belgium and Hol-
land insisted on standing alone. Nowhere
was there any of the coherence which small
nations must have if they are to defend
themselves in these blitz-days. One after

another they went down; countries which, if
united, might have made a stand, and might
be free today.

THIS is not going to happen in America.
Already Canada and the United States
have joined in defense plans which redouble
each country's defensive strength. Now
Mexico indicates that it will also join in
such plans.

It is unlikely that there will be formal
treaties. There is none in the case of Can-
ada. But every mother's son and daughter
in the United States knows that an attack
on continental Canada is an attack on the
United States, and that it will be resisted
in precisely the same way. That is a more
powerful force than any treaty. So it will
be with Mexico.

It is true that defense arrangements with
Mexico may be harder to make than with
Canada. The history of these relations in
the past is not so happy. There is a greater
distrust to be overcome. Nevertheless it
can be overcome, and it is being overcome.

The United States has given a clear dem-
onstration in the past ten years that it has
no desire for Mexican soil. The remarkable
forbearance shown by the United States in
recent disputes is clear evidence of deed,
not word, that this is so.

WE HAVE a better way, we believe. We
believe that strong, free Canada, and that
a strong, free Mexico, are better defenses in
believe that strong, free Canada, and that
a strong, free Mexico, are better defenses in
war, better friends and neighbors in peace,
than any "protectorate" or satrapy. This
goes for all Western Hemisphere countries.
Europe's free countries were divided—
and one by one, they fell.

The free countries of the Americas are
uniting, and united, they can stand confident
and unafraid.

Remember the good old days when the
horses in western movies carried cowboys
instead of tenors?

You have to stand on your own feet be-
fore you can get up on your toes.

Britain hopes that after the all-out of-
fensive the Nazis will be all in.

Hearing Called On Freight Rate Order March 12

What the West Texas chamber
of commerce calls the showdown
in its long campaign for equalizing
the Texas freight rate level
with the favored north and east
apparently is at hand. The rail-
road commission of Texas has an-
nounced hearing for further tes-
timony on its order of May 15,
1940, in which the commission pre-
scribed a vertical reduction of
approximately 15 per cent in
rates on all goods moving within
Texas on class rates. The car-
riers, opposing the order, have
asserted it will cost them a mini-
mum of \$15,000,000 a year.

The hearing has been set for
Wednesday, March 12. At
the weekend it was still undecided
whether the sitting will be in
Austin or Dallas.

J. S. Bridwell, WTCC pres-

ident, and D. A. Bantien, regional
chamber manager and execu-
tive secretary of its affiliate, the
Freight Rate Equality federation,
have been in Austin the past week
organizing the WTCC-FREE case
for retention of the May, 1940,
order. They have announced the
reemployment of Ed P. Byars as
rate expert. Byars represented
the two organizations in the
original two weeks hearing of mid-
summer 1939 out of which came
the rate reduction order last May.

Promptly Attacked
The commission's prescription
for lower transportation charges
in Texas was promptly attacked
by the carriers—60 rail and 93
motor transport lines, who em-
ployed 15 leading law firms and
otherwise prepared for battle on
a big scale. Last June 26 this
powerful coalition won a reprieve
on petition for reconsideration and
rehearing to allow them to present
new testimony.

The carriers' resistance of the
order is based on contention that
freight tonnage in Texas has slip-
ped while operating expense has

not. The WTCC-FREE plea is
that economic changes, if they
have occurred, similarly affect
the carriers throughout the na-
tion; that if losses have occurred,
similar losses are being taken by
producers, shippers and consum-
ers of goods moving in transporta-
tion; that the only principle of
that of reasonableness and equal-
ity of Texas rates in comparison
with rates in other sections of
the country, and that the relation-
ship of unreasonableness of
Texas rates has not changed. The
WTCC argues that it is, above all
else, wrong in principle to fluctu-
ate freight rates with fluctuat-
ing changes in business condi-
tions—and finally, that freight re-
venues, due largely to movement
of goods in national defense pro-
jects, are now dizzily increasing
instead of decreasing.

Most of America's oilcloth, 96
million square yards are produced
annually, is made on a cotton
base, but a small amount is
made on paper base, according to
the census.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



Well, Mussolini "Made the Trains Run on Time"



Oil Industry Ready For Any Defense Demand

"Today the industry stands
ready to satisfy any demands that
may be made of it," is the as-
sertion in a report on "The Pe-
troleum Industry and National
Defense," which appears in the
March issue of the Independent
Monthly, official publication of the
Independent Petroleum associa-
tion of America.

The report was made by the
association's standing committee
on balance of supply with de-
mand, whose reports on economic
conditions in the industry have
been issued each quarter for sev-
eral years. The committee con-
sists of H. B. Fell, Ardmore,
Okla., chairman; Van S. Welch,
Ardmore, N. M., vice chairman;
John Trimble, El Dorado, Ark.;
Lawrence Vander Leek, Los An-
geles, Calif.; J. A. Aylward, Wich-
ita, Kan.; C. H. Lyons, Shreve-
port, La.; C. A. Smith, Jr., Grand
Rapids, Mich.; H. M. Staleup, Tul-
sa, Okla.; C. P. McGaha, Wichita
Falls, Texas; Minor S. Jameson,
Jr., Washington, D. C., statisti-
cian for the association, is sec-
retary of the committee.

Comparison
To discuss the "over-all phys-
ical condition and state of prepa-
redness of the industry," the com-
mittee has set up an inventory of
the petroleum industry of today
and of 1918, peak year of the ef-
fort of the United States in the

World war. The comparisons
show, says the report, "the extent
to which the industry has chang-
ed from a relatively untested and
unstable one to a large, resource-
ful and dependably segment of
our industrial life."

It is shown that the production
of crude oil in 1940 was 1,350,000-
000 barrels, which was one billion
barrels more than the amount
produced in the United States in
1918. The number of producing
oil wells now is almost double the
number in 1918. The price of
crude oil, however, is now about
half what it was then.

Crude oil is now produced in
23 states, six more than in 1918,
and 19 states now produce more
than one million barrels annually.
In 1918 there were 11 of this size.
"More important in many respects
than the actual increase in pro-
duction has been the change in
methods and practices in produc-
ing oil," the committee said. "Far
more is known now of every
phase of exploration, drilling and
production technique. Conserva-
tion policies have been widely in-
troduced restricting the rate of
withdrawal from a well to that
rate which results in the greatest
ultimate recovery. In addition, the
output of many wells is held be-
low the rate which could be main-
tained without underground
waste. This has been done in or-
der to balance supply with de-
mand and avoid the waste result-
ing from unnecessary stocks."

30 Per Cent Increase
The report asserts that an in-
crease of 30 per cent or more over
current production of crude oil
could be accomplished and that
"there is no predictable need for

such an increase for defense or
war purposes."

Refiners of the United States

Legal Notice

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AN
ELECTION TO BE HELD IN
THE CITY OF CISCO, ON
THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL,
1941, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ELECTING A MAYOR AND
TWO COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE CITY OF CISCO.

That an election shall be held
on the first Tuesday in April,
1941, same being the 1st day of
April, 1941, at which election the
qualified voters of the City of
Cisco shall elect a Mayor and two
commissioners, each to hold of-
fice for a term of two years;
That said election shall be held
at the City Hall of the City of
Cisco between the hours of 8:00
o'clock a. m. and 7:00 o'clock p.
m., to be conducted according to
the Ordinances and Charter of the
City of Cisco, and in compliance
with the election laws of the State
of Texas.

Public notice of this order shall
be given for a period of not less
than twenty days next preceding
the date of said election by pub-
lication in each issue of a news-
paper published in the City of
Cisco.

Signed and approved by the
Mayor, and attested by the City
Secretary, this 11th day of
February, A. D. 1941:

J. T. BERRY,
Mayor of the City
of Cisco.
Attest:
LONNIE SHOCKLEY,
City Secretary 165-201

now can process about three and
one-half times as much crude oil
as they did in 1918; mileage of
pipelines which transport about
75 per cent of the crude oil to
refineries, is double that of 1918;
tanker tonnage is 20 times as
great now as then and the 150,000
tank cars used to transport pe-
troleum is more than double the
number in use in 1918. In addi-
tion to these methods of moving
crude oil and its products to con-
sumers, the petroleum industry
has in service about 150,000 trucks.
The known reserves of petro-
leum underground now estimated
at approximately 20 billion bar-
rels are about three times as great
as in 1918.

Concluding its report, the com-
mittee said:
"It would seem to be ap-
parent that the petroleum indus-
try is now adequately prepared
to face the requirements of the
present or near future far better
prepared than in 1918. In order
to insure that this condition will
continue, the industry must be
on a sound and stable basis. To
attain this end every effort must
be made to avoid demoralizing
factors. Foremost among such
factors are excessive production
rates, wasteful above ground stor-

age and unwise policies
the importations of foreign
oil.

America's death rate
was 10.6 per 1,000 popu-
lation in U. S. history
lowest birth rate was 17.3, com-
pared to 16.6 in 1933, the year
lowest rate, the census
ports.

California replaced to
fifth most populous state
ing to the 1940 cen-
sus.

Ward Wilkerson, who
ed in Baird, spent the
here.

**Political
Announcements**
The Cisco Daily Press
authorized to announce
lowing as candidates in
local election in April

For Mayor—
G. P. MITCHELL
For City Comm—
(Two to be elected)
H. C. HENDERSON
W. R. WINSTON
NEIL LANE
GEORGE BOYD

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

LET'S LOOK AT CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
NOW ON GRIDDLE AFTER FIVE AIR CRASHES

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Since you will
be reading a good bit about
the investigation of the recent
plane crash near Atlanta, and
since you will
be hearing a
good many
choices from
Congress, de-
manding fur-
ther investi-
gation and re-
organization of
the Civil Aero-
nautics Board
yourself, you
will be inter-
ested in hav-
ing a look at
this whole
C. A. B. set-
up, to know
what all the
shouting will
be about.
Things Congress will be
lawing about most will be based
on the belief that the series of five
commercial airline crashes since
Aug. 31, 1940—when 25 were
killed near Lovettsville, Va., to end
a 17-month no-accident period—
might not have happened if the
old Civil Aeronautics Authority,
Civil Aeronautics Administration
and Air Safety Board had not
been combined and reorganized
under the Department of Com-
merce last July 1. More specifi-
cally, it is the critics' belief that
the old independent Air Safety
Board should not have been made
a mere department of the new
Civil Aeronautics Board, and
a further point is made that C. A.
B., as now constituted, is too much
its own prosecuting attorney,
judge, jury and police officer.

**FEW CHANGES
IN PERSONNEL**
ON the other side of the picture,
the reasons given for putting
through the reorganization were
that the three former agencies
were always quarreling with each
other, and the internal rows of
the old Air Safety Board finally
made reorganization necessary by
presidential order. Congress just
missed disapproving the reorgani-
zation by a narrow seven-vote
margin in the Senate.
You can take your pick as to
the merits of these two points of
view, but the facts are that while
the Department of Commerce pro-



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vides shelter, printing and
routine chores for today's
Secretary of Commerce
Jones has no control over
budget, personnel, insur-
ance. The board is ap-
pointed by the President and
Congress.
Furthermore, the change
personnel of the three agencies
when combined into one
relatively few. Out of a staff
of 5000, there have been
fewer than 50 resignations
employees other than clerical
July. Out of the 50, only
signed for personal reasons.

**WRECK FRAGMENTS
INSPECTED**
C. A. B. today is man-
aged by a five-man board with
Branch at its head. The
board, Jerome Lederer, who
new safety bureau, whose
tions are to study acci-
make recommendations to
administrative board is com-
posed of five members. Most
dozen such recommendations
the reorganization, includ-
requirements for carrying
graphs to record altitude in-
creasing of airport land-
ings, prohibiting the op-
erations of passengers in the
"jump" seats. Most impor-
tantly, the board's new safety re-
ports to be made soon, will
radio direction beams test
frequency wave which will
fade, get off course or be
by state. All these re-
sults of the result of lessons
from investigation of acci-
dents.

The safety bureau now
field staff of 14 investigators,
six consultants, and of course
it should have more. The ad-
ministrative section has 400 in-
planes, operations, military
radio, pilots, and factories.
In the Atlanta crash in-
vestigation, local police officers
called in as soon as the crash
reported, to stand guard
every fragment of the wreck
till it could be photographed
sketched. An investigator
three technical assistants
vised. The pieces were then
to technical laboratories, for
Bureau of Standards, for
examination to discover break-
failures. All these reports
then gone over by the ad-
section of the safety bureau

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Behind her, the door to Mr. Weeming's office remained a little ajar. She heard a young man's voice... "She's the world's most useless object." She was suddenly angry. She wanted to slap that hateful, smug face.

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BEATRICE HUNTINGTON DAVENPORT was 20 years old. She had a shining, dark brown mink coat. She had a shining black limousine. She had a chauffeur to drive it from one night club to another, from New York to Newport and down to the pier when she went off on a cruise. She had a big white house on Indian creek, in Miami Beach, Florida. She had a 10-room apartment here in New York, on Park avenue, where three maids did nothing but wait on Beatrice. She had four room-size closets full of evening dresses, sports clothes, lounging pajamas, costume ensembles. There were racks full of shoes and shelves of hats. She had a barrel of junk jewelry; an antique silver case that contained two diamond bracelets, a matched pearl necklace, half a dozen wrist watches and pin watches, a ruby and platinum brooch that separated into a pair of clips; and a huge, square emerald ring. Beatrice Huntington Davenport had stocks and bonds and real estate. And she had an immense, sprawling store that extended in a solid square from Fifth avenue

little store on Grand street. Cutting prices and indulging in practices which made his competitors choke. Grandfather had seen the little store on Grand street grow into an emporium on Fourteenth—and at last into this imposing Huntington's which was a New York landmark.

Lastly, Beatrice Huntington Davenport had Mr. Curtis Weeming, who was small and bald and 73 years old. Mr. Weeming was given to rubbing his hands and bleating piteously. Mr. Weeming—theoretically—managed Beatrice.

RIGHT now, in his office on the 45th floor of a skyscraper on Rockefeller plaza, Mr. Curtis Weeming was wringing—not rubbing—his dry little hands. Mr. Curtis Weeming was pleading. "But Miss Davenport, this is incredible! Miss Davenport, I must protest! Miss Davenport, I simply cannot allow—"

He took a deep breath. "Miss Davenport, your grandfather would not have approved!" This was the most solemn sentiment Mr. Weeming could possibly utter. "I worked for your grandfather for 30 years. I knew his mind as no one else could possibly—and I am certain—"

"Nuts, Mr. Weeming!" said Beatrice Huntington Davenport. She sat in a brown leather chair, with her slim silken knees crossed. The mink coat was carelessly thrown back. A cunningly contrived top-knot of mink perched on her golden curls, and her red lips smiled. "You tell those armor-clad knights behind those chromium grilles in the trust company to pay that check—and pay it now! Clarence must have those polo ponies. This delay is silly!"

Clarence, you see, was her fiancé. The rest of his name was Fernando di Grandezzi. Clarence was dark, and tall, and fascinating.

Clarence not only had to have those polo ponies, but he had also acquired, in the last few weeks, a long and speedy racing car; a cigarette case the twin of the one in Beatrice's handbag; and some dozens of custom tailored suits, about which Mr. Weeming was still debating. Had Beatrice actually ordered these for Clarence—or had Clarence ordered them for Beatrice?

Mr. Weeming knew that Beatrice saw nothing unusual about the gifts of cars and airplanes. But clothes? He wriggled uncertainly. He had no way of knowing Clarence's superb delicacy. No way of visualizing the suave, finished manner in which Clarence indicated his latest needs. All Mr. Weeming knew was that Beatrice paid for things. Casually, matter-of-factly, constantly.

Another thing Mr. Weeming didn't know was that any girl to whom Clarence was likely to be engaged would have automatically supplied the same things. Because, otherwise Clarence wouldn't be engaged to marry her. Beatrice understood that. It didn't matter.

TWO months ago, Beatrice had first laid eyes on Clarence. He was so different from the men she'd always known! He had manners, for one thing. He kissed her hand. He bowed from the waist. He had an accent—slight, and husky. And Continental. Also, Clarence was a realist. He did not, as the sons of grandfather's business associates, take for granted the fact that money was an evil—



Beatrice could not see his face. The voice continued: "A girl like that should be quietly chloroformed."

that one must be apologetic about mentioning it, about spending it.

Nor did Clarence resemble those other men she knew—the ones who were poor but proud and worked very hard at blueprints so they might eventually build bridges; or grubbing along in some dingy office, so that some day they'd be a third vice president. No, Clarence said, with engaging triviality, "A million dollars, these is not saved out of a pittance, eh? What I could earn, it would be pathetic. Me, I prefer visiting. My hostesses have invariably been so lovely! How was it, I did not see you in Hawaii?"

The Frothinghams had just returned from Hawaii, where Clarence had been their house guest. Beatrice knew that Clarence was supposed to be the property of Mimi Frothingham. So she said, "I wasn't there, but I'm here now."

And his black eyes looked down into hers while they danced. Mimi Frothingham frowned, from the sidelines. And two hours later, Mimi Frothingham was searching for Clarence in a fury. But Beatrice and Clarence were in a silver airliner, flying to Havana. To see a horse race. To play roulette. To become engaged to be married.

The magnificent emerald in Beatrice's jewel case was Clarence's, actually. "To sell it—how foolish!"



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he explained. "A family heirloom—we are of the Pazzi, you understand—the stone has a history, a lineage. But for a betrothal ring—what an investment!"

LEARNING of her engagement, Mr. Curtis Weeming had done everything but weep. He went all the way to Florida when she returned from Havana, to flatter, "This isn't wise, Miss Davenport." He was a man who always grimly did his duty. "Your grandfather always made it perfectly clear what sort of man he expected you to marry. He warned me to be firm on that point! He wanted you to marry a business man. A man who could conserve, even increase, the Huntington estate."

"But, it's the Davenport estate now. Besides, he should have put that in his will."

"Your grandfather always said positively you had enough of his blood to be practical!" wailed Mr. Weeming. "Oh, Miss Davenport, when I remember how he used to say, 'She's got my chin! She's no

weaking, that girl. No pretty-boy's going to flim-flam her—she won't go marrying any counts or dukes and figure in any divorce suits!"

His voice broke. Michael Huntington had not only been his best friend, but his idol, as well. "You must realize, Beatrice, that you need a husband who will be able to take over the reins of management after—er—" He looked at

her beseechingly. After he was gone—
But Beatrice said, "Pooh! You'll

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