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FIRST HALF-HOLIDAY

ANCASTER NEW

WEATHER

LANCASTER, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1940

24 PAGES-192 COLUMNS-THREE CENTS

BOMBS SEIZED Lancaster, England

N. Y. Commissioner Reveals Missiles Were Made at Communist Hall.

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NEW YORK, July 11—(A. P.)—
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Scribbler

Wanna know what we think about the Third Term?
We think Presy Roosevelt will surprise the convention by NOT running, giving the excuse that he could not tell the bad (?) news sooner because of the foreign situ-

Why Do You Take A Vacation?

LANCASTER NEW ERA

'HOW WILL F.D AS G.O.P. MET, Children Invited Here ANNOUNCE?' IS POLICE BARE For Duration of War QUESTION NOW

City Rotarians Offer to Care for Kin of Club Members Abroad; Plan May Be Expanded to Community Movement

Members of the Lancaster Rotary Club have offered to be hosts to the children of Rotarians of Lancaster, England, "for the dura-tion of the war."

Saved by Mother



GIRL, 3, IS BURNED WHILE PLAYING

Clothes Ignited By Matches; Saved By

Her Mother.

A three-year-old girl was serticularly the rest of the force later tously burned when her clothing
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HULL SAYS NAZIS ARE THREATENING

LATIN-AMERICAS

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mand He Accept a 3rd Term Nomination. WILLKIE PLANS BID

FOR "SOLID" SOUTH

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(A. P.) Renomination of President Roose-

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TO SETTLE ESTATE

Political developments to-

tion against sending troops to Europe are the prime subjects of talk. Pemcentaire pre-convention talk. Vendell Willkie, the Republican candidate, announced he plans an active campaign in the "solid" Democratic South.

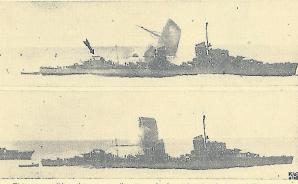
Court Ruling Likely on to

Protests and denials from persons whose names appeared on communist nomination papers continued to arrive at the New Era totay, while in Philadelphia official recognition was taken of the appearance of schoolteachers' names no communist, neitions.

ROTHSCHILD BRINGS

MILLION IN GEMS

British Troopship Goes to Bottom



300 Planes Didn't Sink Biggest Warship

British Deny Italian Claim That Hood Was Set Afire, Declaring No Direct Hits Were Scored During Mass Attack

By The Associated Press

New light on the controversial question of "hattleship vs. plane" in actual combat was cast today with the disclosure by General Francisco Pricolo, Italian air chief, that 300 Italian planes engaged in the battle of British and Italian war feets in the Mediterranean.

Dispatches from Proceedings of the Proceed

BILL PASSED **BUCOVINA BACK**

his intentions.
Will it be a dramatic statement to the whole nation, or will it be a quiet anticlimax to the third term argument which has been running for nearly four years?
Tomorrow's scheduled cabinet meeting was moved forward to this

one with dynamite—piled up today alighted from the Yahkee Clipper tat the plant of the Pittsburgh Plate disas Co., damaging a signal tower in which an operator was working.

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NAVY EXPANSION RUMANIA ASKS

First Contracts Let For Foreign Minister Invited to Berlin in Balkan Peace Effort.

SBRLIN-Germans say Hungary joins common front against Bri-tain, agrees to wait for revision of Balkan territories until Nazis settle score with Britain. STANBUL—Soviet officials insist that Russia plans no demands on Turkey.

Red Cross Relief Fund Up to \$29,042

Additional contributions were

Denied Passage Back to
France After Flight
During Crisis.

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—Former Premier Edouard Daled,
ier and other leaders of the French
government were believed today to
be in North Africa and prevented
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Heavy Rain Storm Hits Marietta Area

BRITISH RELEASE FRENCH SAILORS

JAPS REMOVE GUNS

FROM BRITISH SHIP

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The vessel was released after 794 packages of ammunition had been removed. The Japanese had charged the was carrying munitions be-

U-BOATS TAKE RECORD TOLL FROM BRITISH, BERLIN CLAIMS Declare 609,000 Tons

Sunk in 6 Weeks Creates "Starvation-Blockade." ENGLAND IS BOMBED

FROM END TO END Civilians and Cattle Ma-

chine-gunned; 8 Raiders Downed as Nation Awaits "Invasion."

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IN NORTH AFRICA
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By the Associated Press
Germany's assault on British
sea lanes, life lines of the United Kingdom, has wrought great
destruction on shipping, costing Strain 609,000 tons by
Submarine attack alone in the
last weeks, the Nazi High
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ANOTHER

BLITZKRIEG

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LOOMING WAR



In July 1940, the United States was still well over a year away from officially

getting involved with World War II. However, with the benefit of hindsight, there were signs before that fateful Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, that U.S. forces would not stay neutral for long. One such sign is featured on the cover of this July 11, 1940, front page of the Lancaster New Era, in the form of an article questioning when President Franklin D. Roosevelt would announce his campaign for a historic third term. Ahead of the 1940 Democratic Convention, political insiders questioned whether Roosevelt would make a wartime push for the presidency or cede his push to allow other esteemed members of the party, such as Postmaster General James Farley and Roosevelt's own vice president, John Nance Garner, to run their own campaigns. At the convention just a week after the printing of this front page, Roosevelt would make his intentions known to run for a third term and was roundly accepted by

the Democratic Party. When he was formally elected in 1941, Roosevelt dumped Garner in favor of former Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace.

Several conflicts in the summer of 1940 chiefly the Battle of France, which resulted in areas of France falling under German and Italian control — led to one of the first instances of a peacetime draft in the United States. Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 on Sept. 16, 1940, which required men of at least 21 years of age and not older than 36 to register. When the United States officially entered the war, the age range was extended to include men age 18 to 45.

Though several skirmishes would occur before the United States officially entered the war, the first American military casualty occurred on April 21, 1940. Aeronautical meteorologist Robert Losey was in Norway to study the meteorological effects of war but was diverted to assisting other Americans

across the Swedish border in the lead-up to a German Luftwaffe bombing mission. While taking shelter in a tunnel, a bomb was dropped that shot fragments of shrapnel everywhere, including through Losey's heart, killing him.

On a more hopeful note, it was reported in the New Era that the Lancaster Rotary Club would be reaching out to the Lancaster, England, Rotary Club with an offer to take in children "so long as war clouds and the threat of German invasion hangs heavily over the British Isles." At the time, Lancaster, England, was considered an area particularly vulnerable for air attacks. Despite the respective Rotary Clubs exchanging correspondence for several months throughout 1940, the idea was formally vetoed by the English Rotary Club president, J. Allan Watts, in November. In a letter of explanation, Watts said that the risks associated with crossing the ocean were greater than the danger of bombings at home.







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