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NATIONAL

SEATTLE - The United Fisherman's Union announced settlement of their differences with Alaska herring operators giving them seven cents per barrel which is the same price as last year. Officials of the fisherman's union for Southeastern Alaska said that some five hundred men had already left for fishing grounds in Prince William Sound and Kodiak Island areas.

WASHINGTON - The Military Committee of the Senate went to work on methods curbing peacetime draft dodgers under pending conscription bill. It studied penalty proposals which would impose five years imprisonment and fines up to ten thousand dollars for any man between the age of eighteen and sixty-five who sought to evade compulsory military service. The law committee has decided to recommend passage of Burke Wadsworth Compulsory Service Bill in principal; this was sharply criticized in Senate by Senators Vandenberg and Wheeler. The Army heads were sent plans to recreate general headquarters of Army Branch which directed world war field operations to assume responsibility for training men of the first registration about September 1st. It is expected that the first draft will draw four hundred thousand.

SAN FRANCISCO - Cool winds brought lower temperatures to most heat stricken middle west areas breaking up the season's longest heat wave. Four hundred and nineteen deaths were attributed directly as its result. Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania suffered the heaviest losses.

NEW YORK - The 185-foot Norwegian tramp motorship *Bonna* in Baltimore last week landed \$9,000,000 in gold which had been smuggled out of Norway under the eyes of the invading Germans. For six weeks, Norwegian children slipped the fortune past German sentries on sleds from concealed caches 35 miles away to the freighter, which was hidden from German planes by tree branches in a secret fjord.

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FOREIGN

LONDON - Rumania's revamped Pro-Nazi government sent envoys to Germany for the first of the series of weekend conferences in which foreign minister Von Ribbentrop is expected to define lines along which Germany will mediate Balkan differences in telling Balkan diplomats how their countries will operate under Hitler's new era for Europe. Tomorrow Von Ribbentrop will see Bulgarian representatives while Slovak premier and foreign minister will call on Sunday.

LONDON - For the second successive night, there was a lull on the air front in attacks on Britain but it came the day after almost ceaseless fighting on which Nazi raiders flung at England's defenses in waves of eight planes. Both sides listed costly tolls. Britain reported a total of twenty-three German planes shot down.

BELFAST, IRELAND - Heavy gunfire was heard off the coast of Northern Ireland to-day, flashes of fire between ships and airplanes could be seen from shore. Witnesses on the coast said that apparently German raiders had attacked a convoy. British fighter planes rushed to the rescue and drove the attackers off.

GENEVA - Joseph Avenol, Secretary of the General League of Nations since July first nineteen thirty-three announced his resignation today. He stated that realities under present times made his office no longer necessary. In doing this Avenol signed what may be formal death sentence of the League as a political body.

BERLIN - In a special communique today, the German high command said that German speedboats sunk three merchant ships totaling twenty-two thousand tons, off the southern coast of England in the region of Brighton; another merchantman of two thousand tons was set afire.

SHANGHAI - Activities of American traders in northern China were halted by United States action in stopping all oil and scrap iron exports. British authorities re-

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