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A JAPAN IN ASHES, CHURCHILL PLEDGE

BRITAIN WILL BATTLE BESIDE UNITED STATES TO END

Will Try Bombing Germany and Italy Into Submission But Not to Exclusion of Other Means; Wants Meeting With Stalin and Chiang

Washington, May 19.—Prime Minister Churchill pledged Britain today to fight "side by side" with America until Japan, already cowering under the prospect of death from the air, at last is laid in utter waste.

To The Finish

Washington, May 19.—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill today promised a cheering American Congress that Britain will fight alongside the United States against Japan "while there is breath in our bodies and while blood flows through our veins."

In a 50-minute review of basic Allied war strategy, Britain's Chief Executive also declared that:

1. The experiment of attempting to bomb Germany and Italy into collapse will be tried but not to the exclusion of other operations. Air power already has reduced German war industry, particularly in the Ruhr, to a condition of "unparalleled devastation."
2. He hopes he and President Roosevelt may meet soon with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and, if possible, Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.
3. Future Allied operations, presumably already decided upon, "will be unfolded" in due course.
4. U. S. shipbuilding now surpasses combined American and British losses, and Allied sinkings of Axis submarines have yielded record results in "the last three months and particularly the last three weeks."

I have a good and sober confidence that (the submarine menace) will not only be met but overcome.

Expects Drive In Russia

5. The main burden of land fighting still is being borne by the Russian Army, and there is no doubt that Hitler is reserving his strength for a true gambler's throw to make a third attempt at breaking the heart of that mighty nation. "He will not succeed," Churchill added.

"I do not say that the war is won," he told his spell-bound audience. "But it will be won by us I am sure."

Churchill was interrupted frequently by applause, sometimes by laughter, from the distinguished listeners—members of the cabinet, the Supreme Court and other top officials, as well as Congress.

No Hints Of Timetable

He laid much stress on Britain's determination to fight Japan to the end, but gave no specific indication of any change in the basic Allied strategy of concentrating most on Hitler at this time. But he did warn against letting the Axis—either Japan or Germany—draw the war out, and this seemed to confirm the idea that great blows will be delivered against Japan without waiting for the conquest of Europe.

Reviewing the sweeping Japanese successes in the early months after Pearl Harbor, he asserted that "all this has to be retrieved, and all this and much else has to be repaid."

Churchill said it was agreed that the Allies should "at the earliest moment . . . bring our joint air power to bear on the military targets in the homeland of Japan."

"The cold-blooded execution of United States airmen by the Japanese Government," he said, "is a proof not only of their barbarism but of the dread on which they regard this possibility."

"It is the duty of those who are charged with the direction of the war to overcome at the earliest moment the military, geographical and political difficulties and begin the process so necessary and desirable of laying the cities and other munitions center of Japan in ashes. For in ashes they must surely lie before peace comes back to the world."

He said he regarded "the bringing of effective and immediate aid to China as one of the most urgent of our common tasks."

Not Here On Holiday

He called attention to the presence in Washington of his Indian

Gasoline Situation Serious

Rigid Ban On Non-Essential Driving Includes Virginia, 11 Other States

Washington, May 19.—The Office of Price Administration tonight ordered a new, rigid ban on non-essential driving, effective at noon tomorrow, in 12 Eastern states. The District of Columbia and in eight western counties of West Virginia.

The action was taken, OPA said to meet a gasoline supply crisis resulting from increased military demands and to assure adequate gasoline for farm production of food.

The 12 states in which the ban will be imposed are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown said the emergency—signaled by filling stations running dry in various cities including war plant centers along the Atlantic coast—makes drastic action necessary so that the available gasoline supply, "which have hit an alltime low," is not dissipated.

The ban will not be accompanied by a cut in the A, B or C coupon values, Brown said.

The situation is so serious, he said that thousands of tractors operated in vital food production areas from Virginia to Maine might stand idle in a few days for lack of fuel. Some tractors are already out of use.

He appealed to the East's 8,000,000 motorists to cooperate by voluntarily abandoning non-essential driving. He emphasized that in view of the present crisis OPA enforcement officials will proceed with all vigor to detect violators and to suspend ratings where they occur.

Urges Cooperation

He also appealed for cooperation of state and local police in telegrams to governors of the affected states.

In these messages, he requested local and state police to:

1. Stop and question all motorists driving under circumstances which indicate a violation of the ban.
2. Question all motorists stopped for traffic violations to ascertain if they are violating the ban.
3. Check on motorists found at race tracks, amusement parks, beaches and other places where their presence is prime facie evidence of a violation.

In addition, all available OPA investigators will be assigned to the job of detecting violators, either independently or in cooperation with the police.

Violators reported by the police or OPA investigators will be promptly called up for hearings.

Plans have been made to assure speedy disposition of cases by authorizing OPA district officers as well as war price and rationing boards, to conduct ration revocation proceedings.

OPA said every effort will be made to detect violators and not only to revoke their present ratings, but to suspend their right to further ratings for the duration, or for an appreciable time.

The restrictions on driving will be similar to those applied during the previous ban.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church School will begin promptly at 9:45 A. M. Sunday, and will last for one hour. Mr. Will Yarborough, Bible Class teacher.

These services will close in ample time for members to attend church services elsewhere.

FEED WHEAT AVAILABLE TO LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCERS

Commodity Credit Corporation wheat is now available through the Franklin C. A. C. A., Louisburg, N. C., to livestock and poultry producers. This wheat will cost \$1.15 per bushel delivered from CCC Bins. These bins are located near F. H. Allen's office where wheat can be purchased on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Persons desiring to purchase wheat should come on one of these days.

TRE T. INSCOE, Chairman, Franklin County.

Did You Get Your Paper?

Because of the scarcity of newspaper and in keeping with the government order to reduce the quantity of paper we are using, we have had to drop a number of our valued subscribers from our lists this week. We regret the necessity for this action and hope you can soon clear up your back subscriptions and get back on our lists.

The amount involved in a subscription will not justify the expense of mailing bills, and in all too many cases bills are not given prompt attention. You can look on the label on your paper and figure what you owe. The date following your name will indicate the time to which you have paid.

We thank you for your past contacts and hope you will soon be back with us.

J. S. Lancaster Rites Held Here

J. S. Lancaster, 75, retired hotel operator of Newton, died at his home Tuesday night after a long illness.

Mr. Lancaster, a Shriner and 32 degree Mason, was given a Masonic funeral from the Pittman & Lancaster Funeral Chapel of Louisburg, at 11 a. m., Thursday, with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh. The services were conducted by Rev. A. Paul Bagby, Pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church. The floral tribute was especially large and pretty and the Pallbearers were J. P. Moore, T. M. Harris, R. W. Smithwick, R. A. Bobbitt, M. C. Murphy, A. F. Johnson.

Quite a number attended the services.

He was born in Franklin County in 1867, and operated hotels in Louisburg, Wake Forest, Newton and other locations during his long career.

Surviving are the wife, formerly Mary Morris, of Raleigh and Richmond, Va.; and the following children, Mrs. T. N. Beall, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. David Gaither, Wilmington; Mrs. Robert L. Taylor, and John S. Lancaster, Jr., both of Newton; two brothers, J. J. Lancaster, of Louisburg, and T. S. Lancaster, of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Jones, of Castalia, and Mrs. Willie House, of Nashville; and five grandchildren.

George Wilson Dead

Mr. George Wilson, one of Franklin County's older citizens died Tuesday at a hospital in Raleigh. His body was brought to Louisburg and funeral services were held at White's Funeral Chapel Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden. Quite a number of relatives and friends attended the services. Interment was made in the Franklin County Cemetery.

The pallbearers were his sons and son-in-law and were M. E. Wilson, Phillip Wilson, Raymond Wilson, Russell Wilson, Cephus Wilson and Peter Aycocke.

Mr. Wilson was 83 years of age and is survived by the following children: Mrs. R. E. Prince, of Fuquay Springs, Mrs. Merrill Monger, Sanford, Fla., E. J. Wilson, Washington, D. C., Russell Wilson, Washington, D. C., M. E. Wilson, Warrenton, Phillip and Raymond Wilson, of Louisburg.

GETS STILL AND MEN

Officer R. E. Neal reports the capture of a 60-gallon still outfit in Harris township Friday and destroyed 400 gallons of mash. They also caught two men, Herbert Perry and Jesse Baker. The still was in operation. He was assisted by officers K. E. Joyner, G. S. Gilliam and Harold Richards.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, May 22nd:

Saturday—Russell Hayden in 'Riders of the Northwest Mounted' and Lupe Velez in 'Red Head From Manhattan.' Also G Men vs. Black Dragon.

Sunday—Monday—Alice Faye, John Payne and Jack Oakie in 'Hello Frisco, Hello.'

Tuesday—Mary Lee and John Archer in 'Shantytown.' Also 'Adventures of Smilin' Jack.'

Wednesday—Edward Arnold and Ann Harding in 'Eyes in the Night.'

Thursday-Friday—Van Heflin, Lionel Barrymore and Ruth Hussey in 'Tennessee Johnson' Tar Heel Born.

POPPY DAY MAY 29th

This year, of all years, every American should understand the meaning of the Poppy. The petals of the Poppy have been dyed afresh by the blood of young Americans.

Poppies in tribute of America's battle dead of two wars, will be worn in Louisburg on Saturday, May 29th. The poppies this year will honor the men who have given their lives in the present conflict, as well as those who fell among the poppies of France and Belgium, 25 years ago.

Shaped patiently by hand, each little flower is a replica in crepe paper, of the flowers that bloomed on the battle fields of the first World War. Each is slightly different, but all have the same deep meaning.

Flanders Field is on the other side of the world from Guadalcanal and a quarter of a century distant, in time, but the little wild poppy of Flanders speaks for the dead of both battles.

More Americans than ever before are expected to wear poppies this year as a personal tribute to those who have been killed, and to aid the disabled, their families and the families of the dead.

To Friends of Veterans

Anyone knowing of additional names of deceased veterans of World War I or of the present war are requested to report same so that they may be added to the Honor Roll of Franklin County's War Dead. Kindly report same at once, giving name, rank, place of burial, company and other pertinent information. We would like to have the list made up accurately before Memorial Day.

Report same to Mrs. Hugh W. Perry in the Court House, T. K. Stockard, Town Clerk's office, or Mrs. Ben T. Holden, Chairman Arrangements Committee.

Township Chairmen are again requested to get in touch with Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents and arrange for Memorial Service and have their committees notified in advance about the grave decorations. See or call any member of Executive Committee if in doubt about arrangements.

Tennis Tournament

An invitation tennis tournament among the High School boys and girls and two college boys was played at the Green Hill Country Club last Wednesday afternoon. The Reds and the Blues played to a tie score of 2 to 2. Nicky Alston was captain of the Reds, and Mary Nelson Smithwick was captain of the Blues.

Mrs. R. G. Bailey was in charge. Each team won two matches. Several other sets were played but were not counted in the tournament results.

The teams were well matched and each game hotly contested. Much interest was manifested. Even Gaither Beam, Sr. played three games "just to see how the racket felt".

The results of the matches, with the Reds named first, are as follows:

Nicky Alston vs Mary Nelson Smithwick 7-5.

Jack Cooper vs Elliott Mathews 6-3.

Bobby Andrews and Jimmy Ragland vs Joe Brown and Steve Creswell (College) 5-7.

Sarah Hardwick and Jack Cooper vs Orlinton Cuttrel and Elliott Mathews 3-6.

Louisburg Tobacco Market Scheduled To Open August 31 This Season

Lewis Offers Miners To AFL

Lewis Declines Comment on Move to Close Breach With Parent Labor Organization; Action Interpreted as United Front Strategy and As Attempt To Isolate CIO's Phil Murray

Washington, May 19.—John L. Lewis, the unpredictable, tonight led his United Mine Workers back to the American Federation of Labor which he tore asunder in labor's great schism eight years ago.

AFL President William Green revealed the news in the form of a matter-of-fact announcement that the UMW had made "formal application to the executive council for reaffiliation with the AFL" and that the council was considering it in an "orderly and sympathetic way."

Admission Certain

Thus Lewis was not yet actually back in the AFL fold, but it was considered a foregone conclusion that he would be readmitted since Green had repeatedly adjured him to "come back home."

In New York, Lewis sent out word from his hotel suite, where he has been residing since the bituminous coal-conferences began March 10, that he had no comment to make on Green's announcement.

A UMW spokesman said, however, that "apparently there has been general approval in the UMW" of the move.

When John Mates, a member of the UMW international executive board, of District 9, read Green's statement, he remarked: "Oh, the secrets out."

The healing of this historic breach, however, still leaves two opposing national labor organizations, the AFL and CIO. Lewis led in the formation of the latter organization after he left the AFL in 1935 when AFL leaders could not see eye to eye with him on his plans for organizing workers by industries rather than crafts. But he and the United Mine Workers broke away from the CIO last year, in a quarrel with Philip Murray, its president.

Lewis' move prompted a number of interpretations. He has publicly contended that labor will need a united front to avoid being crushed in the postwar world.

Lewis gave that as his reason for proposing a renewal of AFL-CIO peace negotiations in January, 1942. But his proposal developed the open break between him and his old friend and lieutenant, Murray, upon whom he had bestowed the CIO presidency in 1940.

Murray said he had not been consulted by Lewis on the peace move and that he learned of it from newsmen before receiving the Lewis proposal in the mails. Murray took umbrage and the wound was never healed.

Move Against Murray

Just a year ago this month, Lewis ousted Murray as vice president of the miners, a post he had held for 22 years.

Some viewed the Lewis move as an attempt to isolate Murray with a few unions in the labor field. The miners would be one of the three big unions in the AFL, sharing honors with, if not exceeding, the teamsters and the carpenters.

Lewis unquestionably would be an influential figure in the Federation councils and as such might be in a position to write the AFL ticket in any further peace negotiations with the CIO.

Lewis thus would be sitting across the table from Murray, the man he once called his "strong right arm" but later called a "former friend."

Absorption of the miners would build the paid membership of AFL unions to nearly 7,000,000. The effect that would have upon the CIO cannot be judged immediately, although it gives the AFL a commanding position in any unity parleys with the CIO.

TO GASOLINE USERS

The many reports coming in about and the open driving of trucks for pleasure or without loads and Cars carrying fishermen to and from the Sport had better take notice and discontinue this practice. Both of these are forbidden by the gasoline regulations and it is possible that all gasoline for Cars and trucks reported in such violation may have to be discontinued.

Crop Defense Program Goes To Leaf Body

Earlier And Slower Marketing To Leave Time For Other Crops

Raleigh, May 19.—The four-point program adopted Tuesday by a group of tobacco growers, warehousemen, dealers and manufacturers may not solve the farm labor problem this Fall, but is generally agreed to be an intelligent approach toward solution.

It was actually just a two-point since the other two are designed to effectuate the main objectives of earlier opening dates for tobacco markets and slower sales during the season. Furthermore, action of the conference Tuesday was suggestive rather than binding, since the United States Tobacco Association will have final word on putting into effect the plan approved.

It was recommended that sales begin in Georgia on July 27; in the South Carolina Belt on Aug. 3; Eastern Belt, Aug 17 or 19; MIDDLE BELT, including Louisburg, Aug. 31, and Old Belt, Sept. 7. The problem of obtaining buyers for those dates must be faced by the association.

Sales would be limited to 360 piles per hour, or 1,800 for the maximum five-hour day, and to 350 pounds per basket, with no sales allowed except through the regular auction process under the second item in the approved plan.

The third phase of the program calls for a committee to be appointed by the Governors of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia to conduct an educational campaign for slower marketing of tobacco, so that farmers would not leave other necessary farm work to rush the weed to market.

Finally, a committee representing all divisions of the tobacco trade would be authorized to work toward effectuating the whole plan and to consult with the Governors on matters of emergency nature arising as the selling season progresses.

These ideas were essentially those presented by the grower group earlier in the day. Only point asked by the growers which was not incorporated in the final report was provision for a guarantee of stable prices throughout the season. The buying companies shied off from that on anti-trust grounds.

The fifty-odd men present for the conference heard Governor Broughton tell them in no uncertain terms that unless they did get together, and if a farm labor shortage arose that seemed to jeopardize harvesting of food crops, he would not hesitate to use his war powers to close the warehouses. Pleading for a spirit of cooperation among all elements of the industry, the Governor said that no man in America had any right now to "do business as usual."

The farmers had the meeting called by the Governor at the request of the State Manpower Commission, there were representatives of growers in the three States and of buyers in Virginia and North Carolina. The farmers soon took over; one time it looked like the buyers were going to be on a spit.

A. B. Carrington, Jr., president of the U. S. Tobacco Association and spokesman for the non-growing part of the industry, lodged a motion to defer action until after the association sales committee meets in June. Later he withdrew that motion, upon being assured that the whole plan would be presented to that committee. No assurance could be given it will be approved, but general opinion of those attending the conference was that it will be adopted. There is sufficient sentiment behind it almost to guarantee acceptance. Most tobacco farmers also grow feed and food crops; they mean to save them.

Some one said this was the first time in history farmers, warehousemen and buyers all got together around one table to work out solution of a problem in which all were interested. It was taken as a sign of better cooperation from now on in the tobacco trade.

The name "Limey" for the British came from the fact that sailors carried limes with them on long voyages to prevent scurvy. Citrus fruits provide necessary Vitamin C.

Commodity Credit Corporation has made loans on 96,389 bushels of wheat in North Carolina, with 32,190 bushel redeemed.