

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, May 16. — In pre-invasion announcements possibly hinting at the direction of allied thrusts into Europe, London and Washington today disclosed agreements with the exiled governments of The Netherlands, Belgium and Norway for administration of their liberated homelands.

LAKEHURST, N. J., May 16.—Ten men, including six naval aviation officers and four enlisted men, were killed today when a training blimp crashed into a hanger at the naval air station here, dropping its control car more than 250 feet to a concrete runway. An 11th crew member, an enlisted man, was injured critically. An official announcement said that the airship, 250 feet long and containing 416,000 cubic feet of non-inflammable helium gas, was on a routine training flight with a student crew.

WASHINGTON, May 16. — House votes on amendments to the "GI bill of rights" were halted today by angry debate on a proposal to make a four-year college course available to all former servicemen and women. Rep. John E. Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, charged that the proposal would be so costly that it would wreck the entire GI bill. He said it would double the cost of the legislation, now estimated at six and a half billion dollars. The proposal to remove all restrictions to a free college education for war veterans was made by Rep. Graham E. Barden, Democrat, North Carolina, chairman of the house education committee, who offered it as an amendment to the education title of the bill.

New Jersey and California Democrats put 86 more delegates in President Roosevelt's column in primary voting Tuesday and pushed his total far above the required majority for another nomination two months in advance of the party's national convention. Just for good measure, party leaders counted eight more for the President from Delaware and 10 from Montana, and Delaware partisans heard Senator Tunnell, Democrat, Delaware, call for the "forced induction" of the chief executive to stand for a fourth term. The four states, including New Jersey's 34 and California's 52, added 104 to the Roosevelt pledge and claimed delegate strength and brought his total to 677, with only 589 needed. Four years ago at this time he lacked 67 for a third nomination, but fewer delegates had been chosen then.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17. — A mass checkup on every man wearing the United States army uniform in Britain was completed at midnight. All units except those in transit, were confined to barracks for the previous 24 hours while credentials were scrutinized. Military police in London and elsewhere moved through the streets demanding identification of both officers and enlisted men. The move was seen both as a security measure and as a double-check against absentees and deserters.

LONDON, May 16. — Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, an inheritor of the Prussian military tradition, has been confirmed as commander in chief of all German anti-invasion forces in western Europe, Stockholm reported today on the basis of dispatches from Berlin. It was said that Field Marshal Edwin Rommel, more closely identified with the Nazi rise to power, was serving under Rundstedt. Well informed Stockholm quarters were surprised at the reports, a United Press dispatch said, because repeated German announcements had led to a belief that Adolf Hitler had entrusted Rommel with the supreme command.

HITLER LINE REACHED BY ALLIES

WHAT! NO HARI-KARI? Looking a bit glum — maybe because they didn't give their all for the "Son of Heaven" — Jap prisoners squat around U. S. field rations, which they managed to enjoy although still living. These prisoners were taken at Aitape, Dutch New Guinea, during a phase of the Hollandia invasions.



Great Interest Shown In Race For Governor

Surry Men Are Seeking Seat In Congress

Major interest in the forthcoming Democratic primary on May 27 is centered in two races, that for governor, and for the Fifth District congressional post.

As always, prior to a primary or election, both sides in both races are busy telling the people just why they deserve their votes. In the race for governor both R. Gregg Cherry and Dr. Ralph McDonald are pushing their campaign in Surry, and supporters of both men claim the victory in the county. Both candidates have spoken in Surry during the campaign.

The Congressional race sees natives of Surry opposing each other for the honor of representing the Fifth District. Congressman John H. Folger, of Mount Airy, is seeking re-nomination, and J. N. "Buck" Freeman, a native of Dobson who is now living in Winston-Salem, is opposing him for the congressional seat.

One other race of importance to be decided by the people on May 27 is that between Congressman Cameron Morrison and former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, who are seeking the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate.

Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans face contests in the primary for county offices, there being no opposition within the two parties.

S. S. Convention To Meet At State Road

The annual Stone Mountain Sunday school convention will convene with the Pleasant Ridge Baptist church at State Road on Saturday, May 27, for a two-day session.

A morning and afternoon session will be held on Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. On Sunday the meeting will convene at 10 a. m. and will be followed by the final session and sermon at 11 o'clock.

Among the ministers and lay leaders of the association who will have part in the program are B. W. Carter, superintendent of the Pleasant Ridge Sunday school; Rev. J. Z. Adams of Benham; V. W. Luffman of State Road; Rev. Minter Blevins of Springfield; Rev. Jesse W. Yale of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. J. L. Gregory of Hayes; Rev. Grant Cothren, Doughton; Rev. E. R. Fox, Hayes; Rev. C. C. Cockerham, Mrs. V. W. Luffman, Miss Beatrice Holbrook of Traphill, and Rev. S. L. Blevins of Hays.

The gulf stream off Cape Hatteras is 40 miles wide and at Nantuxet Light Ship is 100 miles wide.

ENDORSE ELKIN MAN FOR JOB IN LITTLE CABINET

Congressional Delegation Sends Letter to F. D. R.

NOTE ACKNOWLEDGED James V. Forrestal Appointed to Succeed The Late Col. Frank Knox

ANNOUNCED MAY 11TH

A letter to President Roosevelt by the North Carolina Congressional delegation endorsing Lieut. Comdr. Thurmond Chatham, of Elkin, for Undersecretary of the Navy following the President's appointment last Wednesday of James V. Forrestal to succeed the late Col. Frank Knox as secretary, has been acknowledged by Mr. Roosevelt.

Representative Robert L. Doughton, who sent the letter to the White House announced that the letter, signed by 11 Representatives and two Senators, brought the following reply: "As all of you know, I am glad to have the benefit of your judgment and much appreciate your interest in writing to me on behalf of Lieut. Comdr. Thurmond Chatham whom you recommend for appointment as Undersecretary of the Navy."

The general Tar Heel consensus of opinion in Washington was that Mr. Chatham has a much better chance to win the undersecretaryship than he did the top position, especially because of Forrestal's four successful years as Undersecretary.

The Tribune received an unfortunate news break last week in the matter when it was announced about an hour after the paper had gone to press with a story concerning the activity by Congressional leaders in Mr. Chatham's behalf for Secretary, that President Roosevelt had announced his appointment of Mr. Forrestal.

TOBACCO PLAN HAS APPROVAL

Tobacco Distributors Ass'n Ends Fight Against Leaf Quotas

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

The Tobacco Distributors Association has withdrawn its long fight against tobacco quotas and no longer will oppose crop control or a continuance of orderly marketing of leaf tobacco within the quota system, it was learned last week.

The announcement was made by Joseph P. Kolodny, executive secretary of the association, at a dinner at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington last week when representatives of the tobacco growers of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, 22 Congressmen from the district.

M. F. Roberson Is Claimed By Death

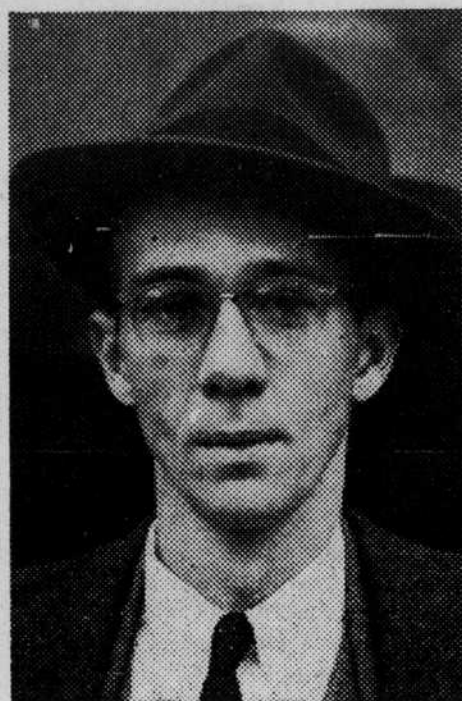
Miles F. Roberson, 62, until a few years ago a resident of Jonesville, died at his home at Hudson on Thursday following a serious illness of several months.

Mr. Roberson was a native of Yadkin county and well known throughout this section. During his residence in Jonesville he was a member of the Jonesville Methodist church, transferring his membership to Mount Zion Baptist church after moving to Hudson.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Coy Bates of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Earl Fox of Wilmington, and two grandsons.

Funeral rites were held Saturday afternoon at Hudson and interment was there.

Heads Jaycees



Hubert Parker, above, was elected president of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Monday evening. Mr. Parker will succeed Claude Farrell when new officials take office July 1.

PARKER NAMED JAYCEE HEAD

Is Elected President to Succeed Claude Farrell at Meeting Monday

OTHER OFFICERS NAMED

The Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting Monday evening elected Hubert Parker as president of the organization for the coming year, beginning July 1st. Other officers of the club elected Monday night, were: Vern Chase, 1st vice-president; Julius Speas, 2nd vice-president; Harold Thompson, secretary; Alex Biggs Treasurer and Herbert Cochran, publication editor.

The club also elected four directors to fill expired terms. Those elected were John Kennedy, Charles Poplin, Dr. Seth M. Beale, and Ted Brown. Directors of the club are elected for two years while the officers are elected to serve one year.

Dr. V. W. Taylor, Jr., a member of the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, prior to his moving to Elkin, was inducted into the club at the meeting. I. H. Kolodny, technician at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, attended the meeting as a guest of the club.

President Farrell reported to the club at the meeting that the Jaycees would collect waste paper in the business section of town on Mondays and Thursdays. The club will be divided into several teams in handling this project and each member will be called on one week in every five to help collect this paper. The club will also continue its collection of waste paper in the residential sections of town once a month.

Truant Officer Has Been Busy

Merlin T. Robertson, Surry county truant officer, said Wednesday that up to the present time 51 indictments had been made in the county for non-compliance with school attendance laws. Of this number 39 plead guilty, two have been indicted for the second time and heavily fined and the children of these parents are now in school.

According to Mr. Robertson, most of the cases were in the Mt. Airy, Mountain Park, Pilot Mountain, Beulah and Flat Rock schools.

He stated that no let up would be made in the prosecution of the law until the final day of the school year.

Jonesville Women Are Asked To Aid

An urgent appeal is made to the women of the Jonesville community to assist with work at the Red Cross room. The room is located in the Jonesville elementary school building and is open Wednesday and Friday from 2 until 4 and from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Defensive Outposts Under Fire As New Offensive Rolls On

Paper Shortage Making Itself Felt Locally

The scarcity of paper products, long advertised but not taken seriously by many folks, is being brought home by Elkin grocery stores who are publishing an advertisement in this issue of The Tribune to the effect that customers will have to bring their own paper bags, basket or some other convenient container for their groceries. Supplies of paper bags, it was said, are dwindling fast and when those now on hand are exhausted, no more can be obtained.

Other types of stores are also feeling the paper shortage, being faced with the prospects of being able to buy no more wrapping paper or bags, and are urging that customers take all purchases possible unwrapped.

FORTIFIED LINE BELIEVED LAST BLOCKING ROME

Gustav Line Defenses Have Been Smashed

OTHER GAINS ARE MADE

Achieve Break - Through In Valley In Attempt To Cut Cassino Road

GERMANS 'DISENGAGING'

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 17.—The Fifth Army has reached the Adolf Hitler line, believed the last fortified barrier to the Roman plains, at key points along a five to six-mile front after smashing all Gustav line defenses from the Liri River to the sea, it was disclosed today.

While the Fifth Army advanced nearly three miles to contact the outposts of the Hitler line, the British Eighth Army deepened its bridgehead across the Rapido River to perhaps 5,000 yards, seized the enemy's main lateral supply line across the Liri Valley and pushed to within a mile of the Germans' only escape road from Cassino.

(A German communique said Nazi troops were carrying out "disengaging movements according to plan" on the main Italian front in fighting reminiscent of the "great defensive battles of the last World War." Mounting Allied artillery fire from the Anzio beachhead, the communique added, "leads to the expectation that a large-scale attack will be launched there soon as well.")

(The German - controlled Paris radio reported the Allies had achieved a local break-through in the Liri Valley, where the Eighth Army was said to be attempting to cut the Cassino road.)

Though the Germans were clinging tenaciously to the northern end of the Gustav line hinged on Cassino, Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander's sixth communique of the "on-to-Rome" offensive said British and Indian troops had evicted the enemy from most of his original positions in the Liri Valley.

American divisions under the field command of Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, including some receiving their first combat experience, drove two and a half miles west from Spigno at the lower end of the Garigliano Valley and seized Mt. San Angelo, a 4,500-foot peak overlooking the Hitler line.

CANDIDATES IN FAVOR OF VOTE

Three of Four In gubernatorial Race Say They Will Seek Liquor Referendum

FRANK PATTON FIRST

Three of North Carolina's four gubernatorial candidates have gone on record as favoring a liquor referendum to be submitted to the people of the state.

Two candidates, Gregg Cherry and Ralph McDonald, Monday answered a query sent to them by L. A. Martin, executive director of the Allied Church League, in which they were asked if they would use their influence, if elected, to have the next general assembly arrange for a liquor referendum.

Both McDonald and Cherry said they would recommend to the 1945 legislature the enactment of legislation providing for a statewide referendum.

Previous to the Democratic gubernatorial candidates' announcements, Frank Patton, of Morganton, Republican candidate, announced last week that he favored a statewide referendum on the issue.

NUMBER MEN RECLASSIFIED

Abolish 3-C With Men Over 26 Formerly In That Class Now In 2-C

TWO CLASSIFIED IN 1-A

Selective service officials have announced that the classification 3-C (farming and dependency deferment) has been abolished and all men over the age of 26 formerly in class 3-C must now be reclassified to 2-C if deferrable for farming purposes. Men reclassified in this group by the Dobson board are:

Raymond Johnson, Loyd E. Bledsoe, Dan F. Riggs, Charlie W. Draughn, Joe E. Marion, Jerry Marion, Thomas W. Kidd, Reece Anthony, Elmer S. Snow, Ernest C. Ashburn, James C. Johnson, Everette G. Michael, Roy M. Logan, William R. Edmonds, Lacy M. Bruner, Edgar Castevens, James W. Stroud, Vaughn F. Miller, Charlie L. Key, Loyel R. Lowe, Gilmer L. Wilson, Jack G. Slate, Clay Moser, Wade O. Patterson, Alonza E. Doby, Jessie M. Riggs, Charles J. Carson, Mallory M.

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Axis Changes Tune About The Invasion

London, May 17. — Nazi sources said today that Allied preparations for an invasion of Western Europe were "almost complete" and frankly acknowledged that no one could predict its outcome.

American troops throughout Britain were confined to their barracks for 24 hours ending last midnight while Allied military and civilian police made a check-up of men in American uniforms in an effort to weed out absentees, deserters, non-soldiers and possible Axis agents in advance of the "big push."

Buses, automobiles, trucks and jeeps were halted in London and all provincial cities and all uniformed passengers called upon to show their credentials. Many persons wearing civilian clothes, but with American accents, also were questioned. Hotels were checked.