

Joe Rourk Case Will Be Aired

Charges Against Former Chief to be Read at Commission Meet Tonight

FOUR CHARGES MADE

Mayor Bellamy Takes Action to Pave Way For Showdown on Issue

Formal charges preferred against former Police Chief Joseph C. Rourk, who is contesting the right of the new city council to oust him, will be read tonight as the Wilmington Police and Fire department civil service commission meets in a special session at 8:15 o'clock in the council chambers of the city hall.

The charges—four in number—were communicated in writing to the civil service commission late yesterday afternoon by Mayor Hargrove Bellamy, thus paving the way for a showdown on an issue which has held the municipal building spotlight since last Saturday morning when the council "relieved" Mr. Rourk of all duties in the police department.

Called by Carr The special commission meeting was called by Edward Carr, secretary of the board, acting in the absence from the city of Dr. W. Houston Moore, commission chairman.

Tonight's meeting, Mr. Carr said, will not be a hearing, but rather the means by which the charges are legally transmitted to the former chief. The session, as required by law, will be public.

Should the ex-chief wish for a public hearing on the charges to be read tonight—and he has indicated that he would welcome a hearing—the commission will be required to set a date within the next 30 days.

The nature of the charges preferred against Mr. Rourk is not known, and will remain a civil service commission secret until tonight.

Meanwhile yesterday, the police department settled down to routine once again, accepting orders from Charles H. Casteen, acting police chief, who served as assistant to Mr. Rourk for three and one-half years.

The department, to the man, signed a pledge of allegiance to Acting Chief Casteen and the new city council.

The acting chief still continued to occupy his assistant chief's office, while Mr. Rourk, in civilian clothes, continued to occupy the chief's office. The latter, however, issued no orders.

PROPERTY SEIZURE BILL IS EXPLAINED

F. R. Says One Purpose Is To End Irreconcilable Strikes, Lockouts

WASHINGTON, June 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today that one purpose of the administration's new property seizure bill was to end any irreconcilable strikes or lockouts in the defense industries.

It is to be used in other situations involving a stoppage of deliveries, he said, but he cited just one past instance as a reason for the measure and that was a strike, the protracted dispute at the Allis-Chalmers plant in Milwaukee.

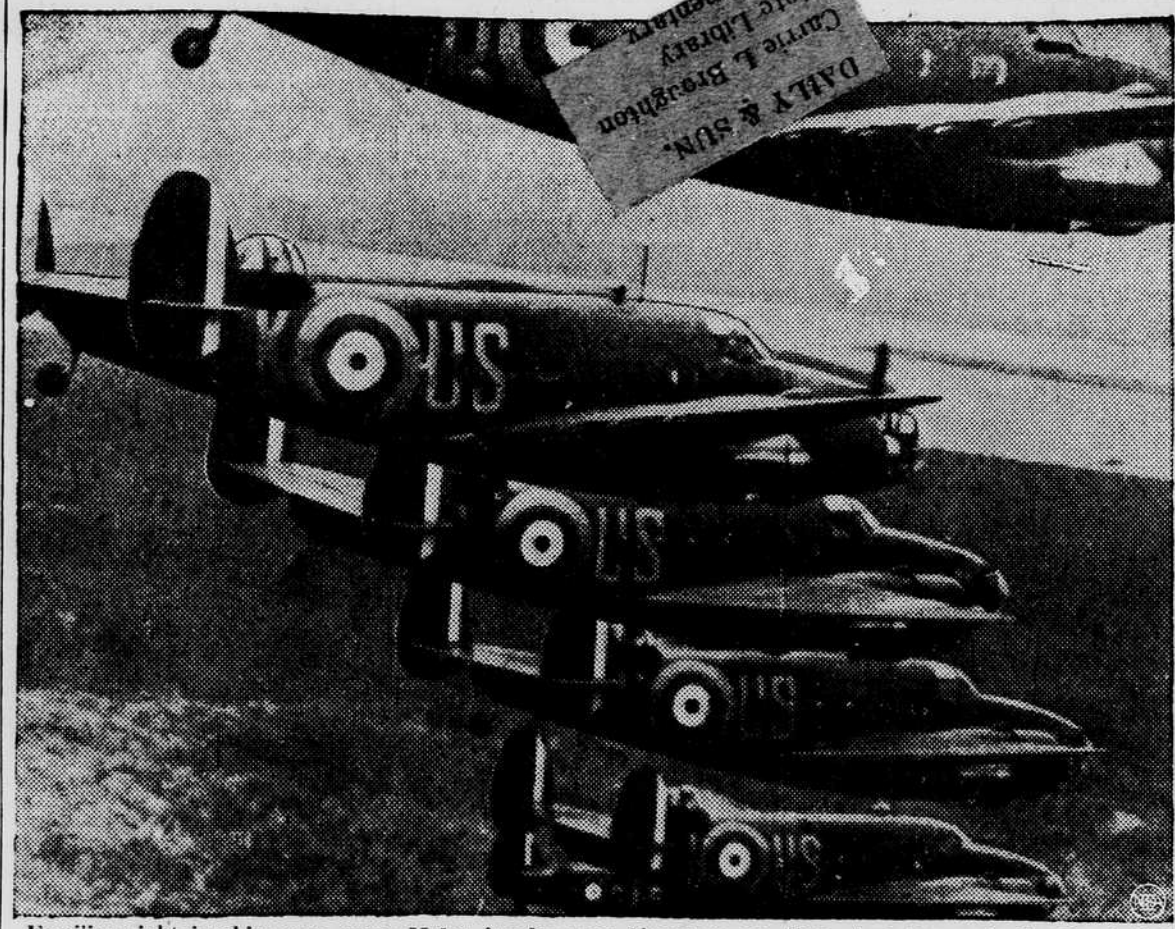
Under present law, he pointed out, the government has authority to take over a plant at which there is a refusal to supply the

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Extension Of Street Here Assured By Road Official

Official assurance that South Front street would be extended to the Sunset Park yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company was made yesterday by Dr. G. V. Gooding, state highway commissioner for the third district, at a conference in Kenansville with Addison Hewlett, Sr. chairman of the New Hanover county board of commissioners.

Made In U. S.—For Singapore



Familiar sight in skies over green Malay jungles near Singapore are these American-made Lockheed Hudson bombers of the Royal Australian air force, their sides marked with British target and letters "US."

Standard Oil To Sell Gas To Japan; 'Gasless Sundays' Proposed For U. S.

AGREEMENT OUTLINED

Negotiations Made 'With Full Knowledge' of U. S., Other Governments

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 3.—(AP)—The Standard Oil company (New Jersey) outlined to stockholders today details of an agreement to sell additional supplies of oil to Japan "negotiated with the full knowledge of the American, British and Netherlands East Indies governments."

W. S. Farish, president of the holding company with interests wherever the world gets its oil, read a prepared statement to the annual meeting with the preface that the question of oil shipments to Axis powers had been raised and the concern wished to explain its program.

Owens Interest The New Jersey corporation, which meets in this rural borough of 2,700 residents, explained it owned 50 per cent interest in Standard Vacuum Oil company, with Far Eastern headquarters in the Netherlands East Indies.

Farish's statement continued: "About six months ago this affiliation joined with a Dutch-British oil company, a major producer of oil in the Netherlands East Indies, in special arrangement, over a limited period, to sell Japan additional supplies of oil and ordinary oil products. 100 Octavne Aviation gasoline, for example, was excluded.

"The agreement was negotiated with the full knowledge of the American, British, and Netherlands East Indies governments.

"Up to date, the Japanese have not taken delivery of the full quantity of products they bargained for."

Parish said Standard oil has marketed oil in the Orient for more than 50 years and "even today, notwithstanding increased deliveries to Japan under terms of the special sales agreement, the Dutch East Indies oil from the Standard Vacuum company, as well as those of other smaller than Japan imports, are currently from other sources of supply."

He said the New Jersey concern at all times endeavored to adhere strictly to the policy of the United States government.

"So long as the United States maintains normal relations with another country, Standard Oil company (New Jersey) must also maintain normal relations. If the company on its own initiative, undertook to establish embargoes on shipments of oil from

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Japan Sending Food, Commodities to Nazis

TOKYO, June 3.—(AP)—Japan is supplying Germany with 1,500 tons of essential foodstuffs and commodities every day, informed sources declared today, and efforts are being made to increase this traffic despite a recent 500 per cent advance in freight rates to Berlin via Soviet Russia's trans-Siberian railway.

The shipments from Japan, Manchoukuo and Japanese-occupied sections of China have been going out steadily for several months, these sources said, as Germany has sought to minimize effects of the British sea blockade by trading through her Axis partner in the Far East.

Dr. Helmuth Wohltat, German economic expert, is conferring with Japanese officials to expedite the shipments.

(In Berlin, authorized Nazi sources said Dr. Wohltat was in Tokyo to negotiate a far-reaching extension of German-Japanese economic relations.)

NAZI-VICHY BASE ACCORD REPORTED

London Chronicle Says It Provides For Joint Use Of French Naval Stations

LONDON, Wednesday, June 4.—(AP)—The London News Chronicle, quoting London sources, declared today a collaboration agreement between Vice Premier Admiral Jean Darlan, of France, and Adolf Hitler provided for the joint French-German use of six French naval bases.

The newspaper also said "Germany already is using Dakar, French West Africa, as a submarine base and U-boats from there have practically blockaded the Cape Verde islands."

The six French naval bases, the newspaper said, were: Sète, on the French Mediterranean coast between Marseille and the Spanish frontier; Beirut, French-mandated Lebanon; Algiers, Algeria; Casablanca, Morocco; Villefranche, on the French Riviera between Nice and the Italian frontier; and Dakar.

Under the terms of the Hitler-Darlan agreement, the newspaper

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WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina—Showers in the morning followed by clearing and much warmer moving eastward to the coast by late afternoon or evening Wednesday, Thursday partly cloudy. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 72; maximum 79; minimum 67; mean 73; normal 75. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 93; 7:30 a. m. 93; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 83. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.06 inches; total since the first of the month 0.60 inches. Tides For Today: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) High Low Wilmington 4:44a. 12:14p. 5:20p. 12:14a. Masonboro Inlet 2:16a. 8:47a. 3:08p. 9:27p. Sunrise 5:01a.; sunset 7:20p.; moonrise 1:59p.; moonset 1:24a. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on June 3, at 8 a. m., 9:45 feet. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

COMMITTEE MEETS

Petroleum Men Make Suggestions in Face of Shortage Expected July First

WASHINGTON, June 3.—(AP)—Rigid restrictions on the use of oil, including "gasless Sundays," were suggested today by a committee of the petroleum industry, in the face of an acute shortage expected by July 1.

In a report to Secretary Ickes, defense petroleum coordinator, the oil men pledged their support "to any extent" to meet the anticipated emergency, and thus ward off a menace to the preparedness drive.

Shortage in East The shortage is expected on the eastern seaboard, hub of defense production. It results from the transfer to British service of 50 of the approximately 250 tankers of America's coastwise fleet and the expected transfer of others.

"There will be sinkings and we will have to replace them," Ickes told the oil men as the report was being read to him.

The committee, formed by the American Petroleum Institute at the request of the Office of Production Management, suggested that temperatures of homes heated by oil could be lowered during winter. A general reduction of five degrees throughout the nation, it added, would effect a 10 per cent saving in fuel.

In fact, the report added, many furnaces now using oil might be converted to coal.

"Any restriction that may be necessary by reason of national defense should be shared equitably by

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BYRD ASKS F. R. TO OUST PERKINS

Senator Says There Were 31 Strikes Against Arms Plants on May 31

(By the Associated Press) Senator Byrd (D-Va) called upon President Roosevelt yesterday to remove Miss Francis Perkins as secretary of labor or to take from her department the power to certify strikes to the defense mediation board.

Addressing the senate in Washington, he said that on May 31 there were 74 strikes against industries supplying army and navy

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War May Move Into Syria Soon

Mass Movement of German Troops, 'Tourists' Into Country Reported

FREIGHTERS ASSIGNED

Will be Used to Carry Men, Guns From the Port Of Constanta to Syria

ANKARA, Turkey, June 2.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Reports of mass German troop movements into Syria, following up infiltrations by "tourists," threw that French-mandated region into sharp focus today as a possible zone of armed conflict.

Unofficial sources here and in Istanbul gave this account of the Nazi thrust into the Levant states:

Recently numbers of Germans in civilian clothing and with Bajraktari passports went through Turkey to Syria. Since their papers were in seeming order, Turkey let them pass.

Troops Land Then 500 German soldiers with armored cars and mobile field guns landed last Thursday at Latakia, directly opposite the British Island of Cyprus.

Now a dozen freighters flying swastika flags have been assigned to carry German troops and heavy military equipment from Rumania's Black Sea port of Constanta to Syria.

The plan is for them to stop off in Italy's Dodecanese Islands and then run the British naval patrol at night. The whole trip can be made in a week, it was said here.

(Authorized Nazi sources in Berlin said of the Syrian landing reports, "it is unthinkable that this corresponds to the facts.")

(However, they intimated that France would be conceded the "sacred right" of defending her territory against the British. This was in line with a blast from the French-controlled Beirut radio, accusing the British of preparing an attack on Syria, and with dispatches from Vichy telling of increased tension between the former Allies.)

The reports here said that the German air force would seek to keep open a lane of safety for its troops from the Balkans to Syria, and that once established in Syria the infantry and air force could threaten Iraq, Palestine and Cyprus simultaneously.

Observers here already have told of seeing as many as 200 German planes in the Aleppo area, near the

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BERLIN DAMAGED DURING RAF RAID

Bombers Spread 'Whole Circle of Fires' in Center Of German Capital

LONDON, June 3.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force spread "a whole circle of fires" in the center of Berlin last night with a comparatively small flight of warplanes, the air ministry reported today, and raked the Kiel canal yesterday with bombs and gunfire directed at Nazi shipping.

It was the RAF's 46th raid on the German capital, and the stories of returning pilots indicated that it was sharp and punishing. A single British bomb was declared to have started five big fires.

Bombers ranged inland over Germany through ice and storm clouds loosed fire bombs and explosives on Dusseldorf, in the industrial Ruhr.

The total effect of the attack on Kiel shipping was obscured by the fact that the diving planes had to take cover in clouds after each swoop. A direct hit was claimed, however, on one ship in the canal and an "enemy" ship was reported sunk off German-occupied Norway.

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Britain And Axis Seeking Preliminary Position For Major Middle East War

The Battle Line In Egypt



Australian soldiers watch as a captured enemy ammunition dump is blown up somewhere on the northwestern African desert. Unable to use the ammunition, they destroyed it before it could be recaptured.

Axis Agrees On Plan To Meet U. S. Intervention

Star Editorial Ordered Read to Davis Troops

The Wilmington Morning Star editorial of June 2 complimenting Camp Davis troops for their orderly conduct in Wilmington over the week-end was included yesterday in the official camp bulletin upon order of Brig. Gen. James E. Crawford.

The editorial was ordered read to all batteries and detachments "at the earliest opportunity."

Signed by Capt. Shelly P. Myers, Jr., CAC, camp adjutant, the order said, in part: "This editorial has been the source of keen gratification to the commanding general. He extends the thanks to every member of this command who has helped to make so favorable an impression on the people of Wilmington."

COUNTY PLANNING BUDGET HEARINGS

Increase in Estimates For 1941-42 Fiscal Year Is Expected to be Made

The New Hanover county board of commissioners will begin 1941-42 budget hearings early next month, it was announced yesterday by Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman.

In advance of the hearings, department heads will be requested to submit preliminary budget estimates for board consideration.

Although no official comment on budget matters has been forthcoming from courthouse circles, the prediction has been freely expressed that the forthcoming budget will be materially larger than the 1940-41 schedule. Additional clerical help in many departments, occasioned by defense program projects concentrating in this area, are understood to be one of the major reasons for the anticipated upward budget trend.

The '41-42 budget, when adopted probably in late July, will be retroactive to July 1.

11,664,000 Tons of Ships Destroyed By Germany

BERLIN, June 3.—(AP)—Since the beginning of the war, German armed forces have sunk 11,664,000 tons of enemy shipping, the DNB, official news agency, said today.

Its totals showed that since February, 1941, with the exception of the especially successful month of April, the Germans sank a round total of 730,000 tons monthly. It compared the daily total to a 9-mile string of freight cars, each holding 15 tons of material.

(British figures on Allied losses for the same period were 5,961,004 tons lost.)

LONDON IS SILENT

Transport Carrying German Troops Reported Shot Down

PLANES GO TO SYRIA

Germans Deny Landing At Latakia; Weygand Attends Vichy Meet

(By The Associated Press) Britain and the Axis appeared last night to be struggling desperately for position in a last preliminary to a major war expected soon to set the whole of the Middle East aflame.

On London's side was an atmosphere of such urgent silence, an air of reserve so marked as to suggest to some observers in Britain that Imperial forces might already have moved against Vichy-controlled French Syria, the key area of the developing test.

Planes Downed Late in the day, the British announced a German troop-carrying Junkers plane of the type used in the aerial invasion of Crete was shot down off Malta, the fortified British island lying about at mid-Mediterranean just south of Italian Sicily.

This action, in an area well to the west of the British Imperial defenses now so imminently threatened, could have been connected either with an attack on Malta itself or with the developing Nazi offensive eastward.

For their part, the Germans took the attitude as to the Middle-East: Wait and see. But a Nazi spokesman declared roundly that should French "sovereignty" be attacked by the English in Syria, Germany was quite willing to concede to Vichy the "sacred right and duty" to fight back.

Planes Dispatched A report which could not be confirmed circulated in Vichy, France, that 150 army planes had been dispatched to Syria during the past few days.

There were persistent and circumstantial reports that big detachments of German troops were entering Syria behind groups of "tourists" and that aside from 500 soldiers landed by sea last Thursday at Latakia—just 70 miles from the British Mediterranean Island of Cyprus—A dozen freighters from Germany were ready to transport German troops and equipment from the Black sea port of Constanta in occupied Rumania to Syria.

The Germans denied the Latakia landing and so, too, did the Vichy government's colonial authorities. In Vichy itself Marshal Philippe Petain's cabinet met twice, and General

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USO DRIVE OPENED BY F. R. MESSAGE

Says Recreation Important Because of Part in Total Defense Program

NEW YORK, June 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared tonight that "because recreation is part of our total defense program, it is the first concern of every citizen."

In a message opening the \$10,765,000 campaign of the United Service Organizations for national defense. The President's message was read by Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator, as part of a nation-wide program carried on all three major radio networks.

Army and Navy heads spoke from Washington; Charles F. Taft, assistant to McNutt as coordinator for health, welfare and related defense activities; from Indianapolis; McNutt from Los Angeles; and District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, national chairman of the campaign, from New York.

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Improvement of Highways Near Marine Base Talked

RALEIGH, June 3.—(AP)—The federal government may spend \$2,500,000 improving and building roads in the vicinity of the marine base near Jacksonville, it was announced here today.

Plans for the work—which may include improvements to two existing routes and construction of a new road—were discussed by state, naval and marine officials at a luncheon given by Governor Broughton at the executive mansion.

Commander C. H. Cotter, of Norfolk, in charge of construction at the marine base, explained that officials wanted the plans ready for

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