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Labor Willing To Compromise Overtime Pay

Will Forego It On Days, Saturdays, Holidays If In 40 Hours

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Roosevelt Raps 'Sixth Column'

President Says It Is Wittingly Or Unwittingly Aiding Fifth Column

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—President Roosevelt declared today that there is a sixth column which wittingly or unwittingly spreads the poison of fifth columnism in print in idle conversation and at cocktail parties and tea fights.

There would be no fifth column if he declared it had no vehicle for distribution of its poison. But he told a press conference he was inclined to think the sixth column would go out of business because public opinion would catch on to it. In fact he said the public does that now.

Mr. Roosevelt did not care to elaborate on how the sixth column was carrying out schemes of the fifth column because he would have to speak of quite a few persons who were attending his press conference and that would be impolite.

"In conversation; in writing?" a reporter pressed.

It was at that point that he mentioned the mediums of conversation print radio cocktail parties and the expression was his — tea fights.

The discussion was engendered by a reference to a speech in which Richard C. Patterson former assistant secretary of commerce spoke of a sixth columnist menace. The chief executive said Patterson had one pretty good line in the address a line about people who wittingly or unwittingly are carrying out work designed by fifth columnists. That Mr. Roosevelt remarked was about as pat a statement as he knew.

The president adged a direct answer when he was asked whether

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Italian Battleship Torpedoed By British

LONDON, Mar. 24.—The first Italian battleship to be engaged in the Mediterranean since Mussolini's navy suffered its crushing defeat in the torpedoing of a battleship in the battle of Malta, the admiral said tonight.

The British acknowledged that the planes sank one British ship of a Malta-bound convoy in combined sea and air flight. The Italian naval units turned back and fled after two frustrated attempts to get in a single blow.

600,000 Reserves Fail To Halt Reds

Unable To Wrest Initiative From Soviet Forces As Fighting Rages

16,000 HUNS KILLED

Russians Claim That Number Slain Before Leningrad Alone

By The Associated Press
MOSCOW, Mar. 24.—The Germans have hurled 600,000 reserves into a massive but futile effort to wrest the initiative from the Red army, and a special announcement said 16,000 of the enemy had been killed on the Leningrad front alone.

More than 38 newly-arrived Nazi divisions were declared to be taking part in fighting raging from one end of the front to the other with battles in some areas as savage as any witnessed in this war.

But despite this gigantic effort by the German's, tonight's regular Soviet communique said tersely that during the day "no substantial changes occurred at the front."

The subsequent special announcement said the 16,000 Nazis were slain from March 9 to 22 on the Leningrad front by Red army units which captured enormous stores of booty, including 2,617 guns and rifles, seven tanks, 6,040 shells, 15,481 mines, 482,000 rounds of ammunition, 4,170 hand grenades, and a number of radio transmitters.

86 Planes Destroyed

In this area during the same period it listed 86 German planes destroyed.

The regular communique said that planes were destroyed along the entire front yesterday against 15 Soviet losses.

Units of the Soviet fleet operating in the Barents sea were credited with sinking a German submarine.

Frontline dispatches said one of Hitler's reserve divisions on the Kalinin front northwest of Moscow attempted a counter-attack with 50 tanks, only to be routed with the loss of 700 Nazis killed and 17 of their tanks.

On the central front, the army

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Cooking School Opened Tuesday

War-Time Nutrition Theme Of Star-News Sponsored Event

War-time nutrition is the theme of the annual Star-News cooking school which opened Tuesday afternoon for a four day period in the auditorium of New Hanover High school.

A large attentive audience of New Hanover county women heard Miss Ruth Chambers, culinary expert of the National Livestock and Meat Board staff, explain and prepare a complete meal, designed to supply a large amount of healthy foods necessary for good health during the war era.

J. L. Allegood, advertising manager of the Star-News, introduced Miss Chambers and pointed to the large list of prizes which will be given each day this week. He invited the women to attend each daily session of the cooking school throughout Friday.



HER WAR SALARY

Adeline Bowman, private secretary to the president of a Cleveland firm making airplane starters for the government is pictured as she told the House Naval Affairs Committee that her salary and bonuses for 1941 totaled \$39,356 and that she had received \$18,295 this year. She was a witness in the committee's inquiry into cost and profits on war contracts handled by Jack and Heintz, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

Battle of Bataan Flames Furiously

Japs Open Major Air Attack On Corregidor; U.S. Successful In Raids

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Furious renewal of the battle of the Philippines was reported today by the War Department, with the Japanese launching a major air assault against Corregidor and Bataan and American-Filipino troops springing a successful attack on an enemy motor column at Zamboanga on the southern island of Mindanao.

The Japanese losses in the Mindanao fighting were heavy, the department said, but the attacking troops lost only one soldier.

Floating mines have been encountered in large numbers in Philippine waters, the Department's communique added, apparently sown by the Japanese in an attempt to disrupt inter-island shipping. The enemy may have adopted this device as a result of the dramatic trip of General Douglas MacArthur and his party in torpedo boats from Luzon to a rendezvous on another island with the Army bombers which took them to Australia.

The aerial assault on Corregidor and Bataan, in which 54 heavy bombers participated, appeared to be the start of the long-expected enemy attempt to silence the island forts at the entrance of Manila Bay and drive the American-Filipino forces from Bataan.

It was the first major aerial assault in more than two months despite a report that the damage inflicted by the bombers—three of which were shot down—was of slight consequence, the reappearance of heavy enemy air strength indicated to military observers here that the Japanese would try to "finish off" the Philippines before pushing their drive toward Australia.

Air support is what the Japanese have been waiting for, said one expert. He added that apparently they now believe their offensives in Burma and the South Pacific have reached such a stage that planes can be spared for an all-out drive in the Philippines.

He pointed out that the Japanese have only about six weeks left before the start of the rainy season. Beginning about the first of May, this can be expected to curtail enemy air activity and impede large scale military operations for about four months.

Other recent indications that Lieutenant General Tomoyuki Yamashita, the Japanese commander, intended to start a full-scale offensive have been the reports of aggressive enemy patrol action along the Bataan lines, and the

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AVG Smashes 40 Grounded Enemy Planes

Japanese Caught By Surprise In Dawn Attack On Thailand Airport

JAP PILOTS RIDDLED

Mowed Down By Machine-gun Fire As They Strive To Reach Planes

KUNMING, China, March 24.—"Flying Tiger" pilots of the American volunteer group smashed 40 Japanese planes at the Thailand airport of Chiangmai today in a dawn attack which caught the Japanese by surprise, it was announced here.

Dropping down from the sky at 7 a. m., the U. S. airmen caught the Japanese pilots as they were running to the cockpits of their planes and pumped 3,500 rounds of ammunition into both grounded planes and personnel.

Seven Japanese planes were seen bursting into flames, and the remainder of the planes were riddled with machine-gun bursts, dispatches said.

Most of the Japanese pilots were reported killed.

But the enthusiasm of the returning pilots over the success of the raid was dampened by the death of their squadron leader, Jack Newkirk.

His plane was seen crashing near the Japanese air field at the end of a low dive, and his mates believed that a burst of machine-gun fire from a Japanese gun mounted on a parked truck near the air field got him.

Newkirk, one of the most daring AVG pilots, was awarded the distinguished service order earlier this month by the British for his spectacular exploits over Burma.

"It won't be easy to find his equal," said Brig.-Gen. Claire L. Chennault, AVG commander.

Recalling their departure from the United States, a close friend related:

"When he pulled out of San Francisco he told his bride of a few days 'this is not exactly like a vacation.'"

Another pilot displayed a pipe given him by Newkirk when the latter left for Burma.

"A little souvenir, just in case," he quoted his comrade as saying then.

TWO U. S. DESTROYERS ACKNOWLEDGED LOST IN FIGHTING OFF JAVA

And A Laundry Mark Caused The Trouble

Ships Missing Are Four-Stackers Pillsbury And Edsall

BRING TOTAL TO 26

Vessels Last Heard From Early In March Prior To Major Combat

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Loss of two more old four-stacker destroyers of the U. S. Asiatic fleet in the enemy-dominated seas around Java was announced tonight by the Navy department, raising to 21 the total of American naval vessels destroyed since last fall.

The ships were the 1,190-ton Pillsbury and Edsall, each of which had a normal complement of about 145 officers and men. The number of those on board when they were last heard from was not given.

The destroyers had been missing since early March, the Navy said, that the last word came from the Pillsbury when they were in the vicinity of Bali strait after the great Java sea battle of February 27-28 during which the Allies lost 13 ships, including the U. S. cruiser Houston and the destroyer Pope. The Japanese, with numerically superior forces, suffered known ship casualties of only seven vessels sunk or damaged in that battle.

The Edsall was last heard from in "waters south of Java," the Navy said.

Action Unreported

Whether either ship actually had participated in the Java sea engagement was not made known. Possibly they were on other duty at that time but were trapped when the Japanese, through that battle, won naval supremacy in the waters around Java. Both the Houston and Pope and several other of the 13 Java battle victims were lost in that way, having encountered Japanese forces when they were trying to escape to Australia.

The Navy communique, No. 61, announcing the loss of the Edsall and Pillsbury said:

"Far East—The U. S. destroyers Pillsbury and Edsall have been reported missing since early March and must be presumed lost. The next of kin of the personnel of the Pillsbury and Edsall have been informed accordingly.

"The Pillsbury is believed to have been lost in the vicinity of Bali strait subsequent to the final engagement in the Java sea which was reported in communique No. 54.

"The last report from the Edsall placed her in waters south of Java.

These destroyers were units of the original U. S. Asiatic fleet which has been used since the beginning of the war in an attempt to frustrate the Japanese invasion of the islands of the southwest Pacific. The ships of this fleet were fought with distinction as units of the Allied naval forces at Macassar strait (communique numbers 32, 33, and 34) Lombok strait, Bali strait (communique No. 42) and the battle of the Java sea.

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

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Eliminate Profits In War, House Asks

Investigation Shows Some Corporations Have Netted Profits Of 700 Pct.

JACK AND HEINTZ TO LIMIT PROFITS

No More Fabulous Salaries Will Be Paid Officials Of Arms Plant

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—House members demanded today that "the profit be taken out of war" as new testimony was presented to the Naval Affairs Committee that increases in the incomes of some corporation executives had amounted to as much as 700 per cent last year.

Rep. Gore (D-Tenn.), appearing before the House Naval Affairs Committee, called for a strict limitation of war profits and asserted the "scandalous increases" in salaries and bonuses were evidence of two things — "inordinate profits and evasion of the high bracket profit taxes."

Testimony before the same committee yesterday brought out that the Jack & Heintz company of Cleveland, Ohio, had paid out more than a half-million dollars in bonuses to executives and employees last year. The company, aided financially by the government, now holds more than \$50,000,000 in Army and Navy contracts for airplane parts.

"We hear member after member denouncing labor, but unconscionable war profiteering is met with smug complacency," Rep. Young (D-Ohio) told the House in ASPG for taxation on profits above three per cent on war contracts.

"We should take the profit out of war. Before yielding to anti-labor propaganda instigated by the hate-Roosevelt boys, let us immediately put an end to war profiteering such as perpetrated by Jack & Heintz, Inc."

Rep. Anderson (R-Minn.) demanded that the persons responsible for the contracts with the Cleveland firm be prosecuted.

"How in the name of common sense or justice can we expect to secure national unity in our effort to win this war when we learn of tremendous profits paid to certain war material manufacturers?"

Rep. Bender (R-Ohio) denounced the payment to Jack & Heintz of \$600 per plane starter when he said the testimony showed that it cost the contractor only about \$270 to make.

Concurrently with the House debate, Gore declared to the Naval Affairs Committee:

"So long as we attempt full mobilization through the medium of private enterprise, we must exercise care that we do not destroy the profit motive, but no American should be actuated by a motive to make a profit out of and because of his nation's peril."

Citing examples of bonuses paid to corporation executives which he said were taken from reports filed with the Securities Commission, Gore told the Naval group.

"Mr. Bror Dahlbert, president of the Celotex Corporation, received a bonus in 1940 of \$46,081.14, which was in addition to a \$36,000 salary. Mr. Dahlbert received in

TODAY and TOMORROW

BY WALTER LIPPMANN

The Struggle To Mobilize

WASHINGTON.

The labor leaders like the automobile manufacturers before them, will be much happier and also much wiser men when they get trying to swim up Niagara Falls. They have not yet made up their minds that war and nothing else is now their business in life. There is no use their crying out that they are under attack from the ignorant and the impractical and from labor-baiters and Fascists.

From every private interest that has had to undergo conversion to war, the same kind of cry has gone up. As late as last December those who demanded a shutdown of the civilian automobile business were met by planted publicity that

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