

FRENCH NAVAL STRENGTH CUT

Immobilization Of Vessels At Martinique Will Reduce It By Three

By The Associated Press

With the Martinique government's immobilization of three French warships in French colonial Caribbean harbors, Vichy's probable naval strength now includes four battleships, 11 cruisers, two aircraft carriers, 50 destroyers and 60 submarines.

Former size of the French fleet was indicated in Free French Representative Dr. Paris Eliacheff's recent report that the Free French navy had taken over 100 army transports, a number of tankers and 40 warships—15 of which were in the south Pacific.

In addition to Eliacheff's announcement was the Russian Tass news agency's recent report that a total of 49 warships which were being built at the time of the armistice had been turned over to the Germans by the French. Although the French denied this, it was suspected that the Germans would regard incomplete ships as spoils of war, usable at will.

The future status of some 140,000 tons of French merchant ships and tankers apparently still is being negotiated in this government's efforts to keep French possessions from becoming a menace to the United Nations.

TREASURY ASKS MINIMUM TAX OF \$5 PERSON

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committee, modifying a previous treasury suggestion, voted to cut the exemptions from \$750 to \$500 for single persons and from \$1,500 to \$1,200 for family heads, while leaving the \$400 credit for dependents unchanged.

Mentioning the probability that this would force several million persons to file returns who, because of other deductions would pay no tax, Morgenthau said:

"The problem is so vast and so tremendous that we have got to have more and more people pay taxes, if they only pay \$5."

The secretary explained that the \$5 figure, however, was only an example and what he favored was an "examination fee" of "several dollars."

20 Persons To Room In Shanghai Hotel

LONDON, May 14.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Chungking said today 20 persons are crowded into each room of the former New Asia hotel in Shanghai where more than 200 British and American citizens are interned.

Those held include a number of Americans brought from Guam and Wake Island, the report said.

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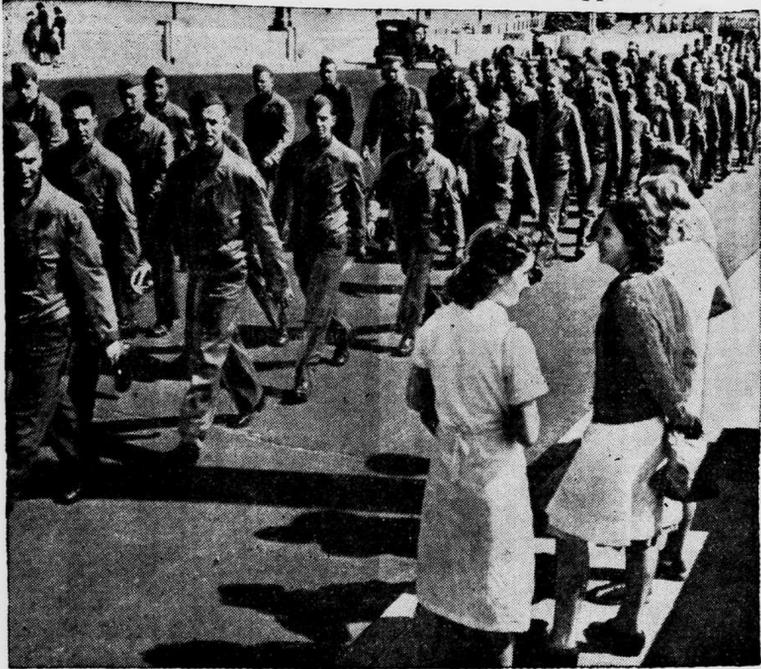
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After a long ocean voyage there's nothing like stretching your sea legs on land—and taking in the sights. This contingent of American troops, pictured in an Australian city shortly after their arrival, are enjoying both those pleasures as they march along a street and cast eyes left at a trio of girls from down under. They are part of the steady stream of American soldiers pouring into the Pacific stronghold.—(C. P. Phonephoto.)

Breadwinners Of Established Families Will Not Be Drafted

But Men Having Only A Wife Will Be Called, Hershey Says

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—There is no present intention of breaking up any large number of "established families" by drafting their breadwinners into the Army, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said today, but it may become necessary to shift some such men into essential war work.

Testifying in support of a pay allotment bill to aid dependents of service men, Hershey said there was a "genuine social reason" for preserving established families, and added that he would dislike to see legislation "that would make the public believe there is no question of dependency any more."

By an established family, the general indicated that he meant one not founded since the outbreak of the war and one in which there was a large degree of dependency.

He said that more single men who have been given occupational deferments, and more married men with working wives, soon may find themselves wearing Uncle Sam's khaki. As young men are moved from industry into the battle lines, he added, their places may be taken by women or by men deferred because of dependency or age. There is, he told the committee, no way of telling the industrial value of men over the fighting age limit who could be used in production work but there were great possibilities for them.

"We will be taking, probably," he testified, "into the army 'some people who have a wife who may be working'."

Payments under the allotment act, he said, should not be made so high that there might be created in the public mind a feeling that heads of families should be drafted because their dependents would be cared for by the government. The amounts provided for in the bill, he said, were fair enough.

They provide that a service man of the lower grades must allot \$20 monthly to his pay to his dependents, with the government supplementing this at the rate of \$20 for a wife, and \$10 for each child, with lesser amounts for indirect dependents such as parents, brothers, sisters and grandchildren.

Along with representatives of the war and Navy departments, Hershey endorsed the general provisions of the bill, hearings which will be concluded tomorrow.

None of the agencies endorsed a title that would allow the Federal Security administrator to make additional and unlimited payments in so-called hardship cases, and the war and Navy departments objected to a proposal to set up a policy-making board to determine what constitutes dependency. That, they said, should be left to the services.

Hershey said there was an "immediate and pressing" need for the legislation and it would "make a great deal of difference" in morale.

Speaking for the Army, Major William S. Richards told the committee the legislation was "essential to the morale of a soldier."

Although the army did not "contemplate" taking many men with dependents, he indicated, the magnitude of the war program might require a change in plans. Of 1,861,000 men taken into the army between July, 1940, and January, 1942, Richards said, 160,933 have dependents. Based on an army of 4,500,000 men, he said, the legislation would cost around \$527,000,000 annually. That, he emphasized, was "a wild guess."

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NEGRO ATTACKER GETS 15 YEARS

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appointed by the court, Bell contended that he had never seen the woman prior to being confronted by her by his arresting officers and that he was seeking work at the Wilmington port terminal on the waterfront at the time the assault is alleged to have occurred.

male or not guilty.

Gets 20 Years

Talmadge Brown, who entered a plea of guilty of highway robbery through his attorney, W. L. Farmer, was sentenced to 20 years in the State Highway and Public Works commission.

Brown was charged with robbing Early Williamson, who said he was a deacon in a church, while he was returning to his home in East Wilmington, accompanied by his wife and daughter, on April 5.

Deputy Sheriff F. Porter took the stand and told of his investigation of the case.

Williamson testified that he and members of his family met Brown, who was carrying a gun, and forced to walk a mile along the road before Brown "tied me to a tree and patted my pockets first getting my eye glasses, which he handed to my wife, and then he found the bag of money. The pocket was small and it was hard for me to get the money out. He put the gun in his bosom and then got the money out. Then I grabbed him and threw him down and told my wife and daughter to beat him until I say stop.

"Then I got the gun and I started to shoot him, but I heard a voice say 'thou shall not kill' so I kicked him under the chin."

Williamson testified that when they first saw Brown he was crawling in the road like an animal and when they reached him he shot in the air and told them to put up.

On cross-examination Williamson testified that when he grabbed Brown he dropped the money bag.

Admits Guilt

Brown took the stand and when asked by his attorney whether he held up Williamson replied "I did" and also said the pistol which was in evidence was his.

Brown testified that he had been "drinking all day" and was "pretty high that evening." He continued "I had been sitting on the trestle shooting at fish and I met them and wanted to have fun. I shot straight up. The old man threw up his hands and the old lady said 'here's my pocketbook if you want the few nickels.'"

On cross-examination Williamson told the solicitor he just wanted to have fun and added "I never touched the money bag. I hadn't seen it until today. I did see the pocketbooks but wouldn't touch them."

Brown told the solicitor that his home was in Brunswick county and that he had been sentenced to 15 years in state prison on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape. He said he served eight years, three months and three days and was placed on parole in 1939. Then after failing to report in 1940 he was taken back to prison and served seven more months. Brown said he was released from prison last July and had not been arrested since that time. He said he bought the gun here on Nixon street about 60 days before his arrest from a person he did not know.

Brown declared that he did not march Williamson and his family the mile, but walked along beside them and at times in front and behind them. He declared that the gun stayed in his belt.

James McMillan, charged with possessing and transporting non-tax paid liquor, and Harry Lee McKay, charged with possessing non-tax paid liquor, were sentenced to serve 12 months each in the county jail to be assigned to the State Highway and Public Works commission after the jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged.

The court ordered the cases consolidated for the purpose of trial. Both defendants entered pleas of not guilty.

Cases of Raymond Murphy, Dick Berry, alias William E. Berry, and Bubber Evans, all charged with burglary, were consolidated for the purpose of trial by consent of the court.

Solicitor Sinclair announced in open court that he would not ask for a verdict of guilty of burglary in the first degree, but would ask for a verdict of guilty of burglary in the second degree. All of the defendants entered pleas of not guilty.

During progress of the trial the court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of Raymond Murphy.

At the close of all of the evidence the court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of Bubber Evans.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Dick Berry.

Attorneys W. J. F. Canady, Solomon Sternberger and Addison Hewlett, Jr., were appointed by the court Monday to represent the defendants.

The defendants were alleged to have broken into the home of Daniel Lewis in Foxtown and to have taken \$1.60 in cash.

Christopher Gause, negro, alleged driver of the automobile which struck a bicycle on which two nine-year-old children were riding on the Carolina Beach highway April 6, killing them instantly, had his trial continued until the June term of superior court at the request of Solicitor Sinclair.

The solicitor told Judge Thompson that two of his material witnesses, then soldiers at Fort Fisher, had been transferred to Fort Jackson, S. C., and requested that the judge issue an order requiring their appearance at the June term.

"The state cannot get along without them," he declared.

Bond for Gause, who has remained in jail since the coroner's inquest which ordered him held for the grand jury, was set at

SENATORS RIDICULE MOVE TO LIMIT GAS

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immediately asserting that he for one was not going to be "cornered or intimidated" by what he characterized as a newspaper campaign "to undermine the faith of the people in Congress.

He drove his car 15 to 25 miles a day to and from his office and on official business, Barkley declared, and he was going to take the card he was entitled to, without any apologies to anybody.

Senator Smith (D-S. C.), sitting nearby, approved the sentiments emphatically.

Senator Vandenberg (R. - Mich.), holder of a B-3 card entitling him to 58 gallons of gasoline in the first seven-week rationing period, broke in to point out that Congress members who got X cards first had to sign a pledge they would use the gasoline only on official business.

Senator Lafollette (Prog. - Wis.) said Downey had impugned the motives of the Senate. Senator Danaher (R.-Conn.) suggested that since Downey had made public his resolution before introducing it, perhaps the proposal ought to be amended to "declare that it is the sense of the Senate that we seriously and sincerely deprecate any effort in a cheap, demagogic political fashion to capitalize at the expense of other members of this body."

Aroused by the criticism, Downey challenged his critics to amend the resolution "to declare that I am a demagog in suggesting that the Senate should declare its policy."

Senator Clark (D.-Mo.) suggested sarcastically that perhaps the resolution ought to be amended to pledge the senators against "holding up any trains or robbing any banks."

THOUSANDS SEE FREIGHTER BURN

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torpedo struck are missing and presumed lost.

From West Palm Beach, Fla., came high praise from the survivors for Naval craft that hurried quickly to them.

One crewman, Robert Beyer (address not available), found himself alone in a lifeboat too large for one man to handle. It drifted into a patch of burning oil. A Naval craft plunged after him and brought him out safely. He was hospitalized for burns.

Another lifeboat capsized and Capt. Eugene Van Schonenberg of Belgium said some of its occupants would have been lost except for prompt Navy work.

Four lookouts and a Navy gunner were on duty when the ship was attacked, but the submarine was not seen in the darkness.

Men of eight nationalities composed the crew. They were American, Canadian, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian, Irish, Swedish, and Puerto Rican.

\$1,500. The grand jury found a true bill against him earlier in the week.

Both children, Thormal D. Yates and John T. Evans, Jr., sons of shipyard workers living in Lake Village, were returning to the city on the beach highway on a single bicycle when struck by the car, allegedly driven by Gause, with such force that one of the boys was decapitated and the other badly mangled.

Solicitor Sinclair said he planned to try today the cases of Roosevelt Allen, charged with criminal assault on a 12-year-old negro girl, Anderson Harvey, James Harris, William H. Monroe and George Saunders, all charged with criminal assault on one negro woman; Rhetha Williams, charged with murder; Amos Taylor, charged with larceny of an automobile, George Wilson, charged with burglary, and Leford Coleman, charged with larceny.

The solicitor said he will ask for a verdict of murder in the second degree in the case of Rhetha Williams.

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