

BRAZIL REPORTS SUB'S SURRENDER

Reports On Naval Activity Off Country Are Confused, However

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 27.—(AP)—Agitation for Brazil to engage in active warfare upon Axis submarines operating off the Brazilian coast developed today as continuing and somewhat confused reports of boat activity reached the capital.

From Fortaleza came an unconfirmed report that an Italian submarine had surrendered to authorities at a northeastern Brazilian port. The craft was identified as the Pamplona, a name not listed in naval directories.

Usually reliable sources confirmed that two Axis submarines have been attacked within the last nine days off the Brazilian coast, whether either of these actually was sunk lacked absolute confirmation tonight.

For a time today it was reported that Axis submarines had been attacked, but this apparently was the result of reports being received of two attacks on the same craft.

U. S. fliers reported attacking one submarine not far from the Brazilian island of Fernando de Noronha, and they said they were convinced they had sunk their target.

Later it appeared this submarine was the same which had torpedoed the U. S. ship *Albatross* in the Atlantic, but failed to sink the Brazilian freighter *Comandante Lyra* May 25. There previously had been a report from Recife that a U. S. warship had chased that submarine, and that she was believed to have been sunk. It appeared that the fliers did the sinking, despite the warship chase.

Informants who stated definitely that there were two attacks on submarines declined to specify the locale of the second, also an attack by bombers and reported to have been off Recife.

Despite the confusion over what was happening off the Brazilian coast, neither U. S. nor Brazilian officials were willing to give a clear-cut statement.

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Reporting Of Suspicious Persons Asked By F.B.I.

"Let no one be so naive or trusting as to think that nothing can happen to them or their community in this time of war," declared Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in charge for the FBI, in a talk to the Kiwanis club yesterday.

Mr. Scheidt spoke on the FBI and espionage. He cited many instances where a seemingly innocent circumstance brought about the apprehension of dangerous enemy agents.

"On the wall of the Tower of London, early in the present war, appeared a small bulletin, advising the people that two Nazi spies had been executed that day."

The details behind this case are most interesting, he pointed out. A few days before the notice appeared, an Englishman appeared at a "pub" and asked for a

whiskey and soda, Scheidt said. "The bar-tender told the customer that no whiskey and soda was served at that hour of the day. The customer was satisfied and asked instead for milk."

"The pub keeper at first did not see anything wrong in the man's attitude," Scheidt continued, "but after thinking it over, he decided that it was queer that a man who looked like an Englishman and who dressed like an Englishman and who talked like one should not know that no where in England could he get a whiskey and soda at that hour."

"Deciding that such matters were best for the police to handle, the keeper called a detective. Within a few minutes the man was arrested and a confederate was also taken with him. Authorities found that the two were Nazi spies who had just landed in England that day."

Mr. Scheidt also told of the espionage ring which was broken up by the FBI a few months ago.

"I was in western North Carolina, attending a meeting, when a man came to me with the question, 'You are not really looking for any spies up in this section are you? Isn't your visit a sort of window-dressing idea?' I couldn't say anything then, but at that moment, there were two known Nazi agents within 50 miles of Asheville, and the FBI was closing in."

"These two were a part of the 33 spies who were convicted in New York a short time ago. Another of the ring was found in South Carolina, a few miles from the North Carolina line."

Citing these instances in order to impress upon the Kiwanians the importance of watching for minor details which a spy sometimes reveals, Mr. Scheidt pointed out that the average citizen should not attempt to carry on an investigation, but should immediately contact the proper authorities if anything appears out of order.

In practically every case of the apprehension of a spy, a citizen who found something out of order, was the cause of his arrest, Scheidt said.

MADELINE WEBB IS HYSTERICAL

Murder Defendant Passes Sharp Words, Tears As Her Defense Ends

By AMY PORTER

NEW YORK, May 27.—(AP)—Hysterical, sharp words and tears marked the closing today of the defense of Madeline Webb, Eli Shonbrun, her lover, and John Cullen on trial for their lives for the strangling of Mrs. Flora Susan Reich.

Cullen, the almost forgotten defendant, was the only one of the three who did not take the witness stand as the defense rested after Shonbrun's mother and his brother had testified.

Shonbrun himself was moved to tears as his mother, Mrs. Goldie Shonbrun, a matronly woman who glanced feelingly at her son from time to time, testified that she saw Eli frequently during the last year and gave him money "almost every time he came to see me." His brother, Arthur, said he, too, helped support Eli.

Earlier, Miss Webb, attractive, dark-haired young woman from Stillwater, Okla., whose thwarted theatrical career ended in a dramatic murder trial, created an explosive courtroom scene as she shouted angrily at judge and prosecutor alike.

"Listen, you," she shouted at Assistant District Attorney Jacob Grumet, "you questioned me for a whole day," as he pursued his cross-examination for the second day.

"I wouldn't answer you," she continued, her face contorted. "You told me you would give me the third degree."

"Control yourself," admonished General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein.

The former model turned tearfully to the judge and replied: "I'm not used to being pushed around like this and insulted."

Shonbrun and Cullen looked on impassively. Chief defense counsel Jacques Buitenkant made two successive motions for a mistrial, both of which were denied.

The court ordered a recess when Miss Webb, becoming hysterical, flung her glasses down on a ledge around the witness stand and stormed: "I have nothing to be afraid of. I won't be quiet. I won't stand for being pushed around and insulted."

Then she accused Grumet of "ruining my reputation" before the trial started and declared that the prosecutor "tore my character and tore down everything I built up."

After the recess, Miss Webb returned to the stand, composed and ready to answer questions.

Before her hysterical outburst, Miss Webb in reply to questions by Grumet, said she had been confined by illness to the Hotel Sutton the Sunday and Monday before the slaying of Mrs. Reich and insisted that she made no telephone calls which might have lured Mrs. Reich to the hotel to her death.

DUTCH SHIP SUNK IN THE CARIBBEAN

It Is Fourth Vessel Lost By Indies Fleet In Recent Weeks

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, May 27.—(AP)—The freighter Egora of the Royal Dutch Netherlands steamship company has been torpedoed in the Caribbean, the Netherlands News agency Aneta stated late today.

The Egora is the fourth ship sunk in recent weeks out of this Dutch company's Caribbean fleet.

The Egora is a 1,417-ton freighter, built in 1921, engaged in trade between the West Indies and New York.

Aneta pointed out that ship sinkings in the Caribbean have affected transportation of food to the Dutch West Indies, but described the situation as not dangerous. "Meatless days" have been introduced as a result of sharp curtailment of traffic with the Dominican Republic, whence Curacao normally obtains most of its meat.

INCENTIVE BONUS PLAN SUPPORTED

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produced photostatic copies of checks showing bonus payments, running from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for \$30 and \$45 a week employees and from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for officials and higher salaried executives.

Lincoln, head of the company and president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, said that he had started the bonus system in 1934 with "my tongue in my cheek," but discovered it worked so well in sparking the "genius" of his employees and cutting costs that the company was able to outsell its competitors.

He reported that the wages of his employees were kept low purposefully so that the company could "skate through a tough period without going broke," but said the extra compensation through bonuses made his employees better paid than those of other companies doing similar work.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) commended Lincoln for cutting costs and increasing efficiency through the bonus system, but expressed belief that some of the payments were "out of line" and that a "ceiling" should be raised over bonuses "because they have the effect of evading the corporate tax."

Dr. Keever Thanked For Offer To Bury Body Of Britisher

Louis T. Moore, acting secretary of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday that he had received a letter from Rear Admiral H. Pott, naval attaché at the British Embassy in Washington, in which thanks are expressed to Mr. Edwin Keever for his offer of interment for the body of the British sailor found on Topsail beach a short time ago.

The letter follows: Dear Sir: Lord Halifax has asked me to answer and to thank you for your letter of May 23, 1942.

"It is very good of you to have brought to our notice the extreme kind action taken by the Rev. Dr. E. F. Keever in arranging for the proper interment of the body of the young British sailor at Oakdale cemetery and offering to provide the burial site."

"I would be most grateful if you could convey the ambassador's thanks to Dr. Keever, and also to the authorities at Burgaw for this deed, which would bring great comfort and happiness to the relations of the lad in England, could they be made aware of it."

"The ambassador is also most appreciative of the fact that floral tributes were placed on the grave by the American Legion Auxiliary."

"It is most interesting to read of Dr. Keever's splendid self-denying Christian service during his life and I should like to be permitted to join the ambassador in thanking him for his great kindness to a brother sailor."

"Thanking you again most sincerely for your letter which is deeply appreciated, I am yours very truly."

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Badminton, originated by British army officers in India 98 years ago, has taken Camp Davis by storm. Scores of soldiers are playing the game every night in the week, making use of the courts at Farnsworth Hall.

The craze has gained such impetus that it has been necessary to move the bleachers in the sports arena to make room for additional courts.

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service offices before calling to the army individuals "skilled in critical war occupations."

There is now being drafted a list of occupations in critical plants, according to their urgency.

The spokesman said the types of jobs to justify draft deferment might be broader than classes previously announced by the selective service system, and probably would include essential farm workers.

The action on "piracy" followed a statement by Paul V. McNutt, manpower chief, that this practice destroyed "the rivets of the production line at one point, creates unnecessary migration, and gives rise to housing shortages at the point of employment."

Government sources recalled that president Wilson in 1918 urged all employers engaged in war work to refrain from recruiting unskilled labor in any manner except through the U. S. employment service.

The freeze was expected to affect many hundreds of thousands, if not millions of persons. There was talk in some government circles of some sort of arrangement to equalize pay, so that a worker might be recompensed for his inability to move from what is now a relatively low-paid job, to a higher one.

At a hearing before the war labor board in a wage dispute case today, Wayne Morse, public member of the board, brought up this possibility.

He said that if government agencies take the position that men should not move from a low-paid job to a high-paid post, "then we ought to see to it that the pay is somewhat equalized."

"It is not fair," he said, "for the government to say to a private citizen, 'we don't think you ought to be allowed to move into another higher-paying job because we need you in the job you are now in,' unless the government is willing to stabilize wages so that he is not going to suffer financially because of that policy of the government."

MEXICANS Girding For War On Axis

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MEXICO CITY, May 27.—(AP)—The solidarity of Mexico behind the war policies of President Manuel Avila Camacho grew steadily today while the government rushed defense preparations and deputies and senators met to elect officers and committees for tomorrow's joint session of Congress, which Avila Camacho has convoked for a declaration of war against the Axis.

Former presidents Abelardo Rodriguez and Plutarco Elias Calles, still powerful figures in Mexico, publicly pledged their support and in messages to the President placed themselves under his orders.

Navy minister General Heriberto Jara said the government was speeding construction of 25 torpedo patrol boats not only to defend the coast but to give convoy protection to Mexican and Allied ships in the Gulf of Mexico.

"AIR" TAX England, at one time, indirectly taxed the air and sunlight entering the houses of people. The tax was levied on windows, and many persons bricked them up to avoid paying.

Pilot Is Killed In Plane Crash

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., May 27.—(AP)—An Army pursuit plane crashed into an open lot near Hofstra college today, killing the pilot, 2nd Lieut. Raymond V. Wetzel, 21, of Gilman, Wis. The plane caught fire after the crash.

Army authorities said Wetzel had circled for a landing at a nearby field and then had suddenly pulled up to gain altitude. While he was swinging back toward the field, the plane apparently sideslipped, spectators said.

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The number of students was not disclosed, but training in light motor driven planes will be given at 18 civil aeronautics schools located in the middle west, and elementary and advance training in gliders at nine Army schools.

Local Man Decorated For Part In Ship Sinking

Henry Gore of Wilmington, who recently survived the torpedoing of a tanker in the Gulf of Mexico and is now recuperating in Port Arthur, Texas, was among the survivors of Axis-destroyed merchant vessels awarded an emblem by the National Maritime union at National Maritime day ceremonies in Port Arthur last Friday.

Gore is still suffering from the injuries he received in the torpedo attack but declares that he wants to ship out again as soon as possible.

"Owing to the fact that my ship went down so suddenly, it was impossible to get to a life boat," Gore said in relating his experience to a large crowd assembled at Lion's park for the Maritime day exercises.

"The only way to get away from the ship was to get a life raft over the side."

"When I came on deck (it was pitch dark and I could not see anyone) I recognized the voice of one of my shipmates and yelled: 'Hey Gordon, let's make the raft. There's no chance of a life boat.'"

"It was very difficult to stand on deck on account of so much oil and on account of the ship rolling and sinking at the same time but I managed to hold on and get to the trip lever under the raft. I knocked the lever out and dropped the raft over the side."

"My shipmate, Gordon, cut the line from the raft to the ship as the ship went under."

"We picked up eight men besides ourselves and we were in the water approximately 34 hours on this raft before we sighted a ship. They picked us up and took us to Galveston, Tex., where I was admitted to the U. S. Marine hospital."

WATER PROJECT BOND VOTE SET

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is supplying 60 per cent and the City of Wilmington 40 per cent. The estimated cost of the King's Bluff project, including the intake above U. S. Lock and Dam Number one at King's Bluff in Bladen county, 2