

War Declared On The Axis By Mexicans

President Signs Declaration Against Germany, Italy, Japan

MUST BE PUBLISHED Country Is 27th United Nations Aligned Against Aggressor Countries

MEXICO CITY, June 1.—(AP)—President Manuel Avila Camacho signed the declaration tonight putting Mexico at war against Germany, Japan and Italy.

The only remaining formality was the publication of the war declaration tomorrow in the official gazette.

With the first war declaration in Mexican history, this country became the 27th of the United Nations aligned against the Axis.

The president, acting with the unanimous approval of a special session of Congress, also signed a batch of bills granting him extraordinary powers to mobilize the resources and manpower of the nation.

Mexico's entry into the war was accelerated by the sinking of two Mexican ships by Axis torpedoes and was definitely decided upon when the Axis bluntly refused even to receive the Mexican protest over the first sinking, off the coast of Florida.

Mexico at first was determined to pursue a course of non-belligerent alliance with the United States as one of the best neighbors in Pan-American solidarity. This country quickly broke diplomatic relations with the Axis after Pearl Harbor and pledged short-of-war cooperation in the American war effort.

When came these provoking developments.

May 13—the sinking of the Mexican tanker Portrero Del Llano within sight of shore watchers at Miami, Fla., and the subsequent refusal of the Axis even to receive a protest through Stockholm.

May 20—the sinking of the Mexican ship Faja De Oro off Cuba.

On May 22 the cabinet agreed that Mexico must go to war and the special session of Congress approved last week.

Thus the chief executive acted formally for only 20 days after the first submarine attack on Mexican shipping.

With him at his home for the signing was the interior minister Miguel Aleman.

The Swedish Charge D'affaires, Rolf Arfwedson, who represents Germany, Italy and Japan here, was then called to the foreign office to be told of Mexico's declaration.

"I can only say I was summoned here to receive Mexico's decision as regards war," he said.

The notes of declaration were sent to the Axis powers through Stockholm.

The Army's general staff was assembled, and troops, sailors and Marines already were pouring into positions on the Pacific and Gulf coasts.

The general staff said the Army of 70,000 was being reorganized

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CEILINGS WOULD RETARD FARMING

Some Form Of Regulation Needed, Declares Farm Agent Galphin

"After a price ceiling is placed on the sale of farm products, the farmers of the country will have little incentive to plant and harvest their crops," declared R. W. Galphin, county farm agent, yesterday.

"Unless some form of regulation is provided to keep the farm products prices up to a certain level as well as keeping it from going above a set price, the farmer is certain to suffer under a plan of farm crop price control," he continued.

Mr. Galphin announced that the Office of Price Administration in Washington was preparing to impose a ceiling price on farm products, and that he was to address the farmers of the county at a meeting Thursday night on that subject.

"If the farm product output and quality could be regulated beforehand, as is done in factories and other industries, a ceiling could be imposed without injury to anyone," Mr. Galphin said.

"But, it is impossible for a farmer to regulate his output as the crops and their yields are very often wiped out by bad weather or

Another Liberty Freighter Launched



Miss Frances Robeson, of Newport News, Va., is shown as she christened the S. S. Thomas Sumter, thirteenth Liberty freighter built in the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, which was launched here Sunday.

Reduced Rent Prices Go Into Effect Here

Jeffrey Urges Owners To Cut And Seek Adjustments Later

Rent-ridden war workers—and all other house-rent-payers as well—in New Hanover county yesterday came under the protection of this nation's first rent-control law as boom-time rates automatically regressed to the more moderate levels of April 1, 1941, but there was no joy in the office of Area Rent Director George W. Jeffrey, who was flooded with requests from landlords for adjustments upward from the 1941 legal rent, and from tenants anxious to enjoy the full benefits of the law.

Registration of all rented dwellings—a necessary preliminary to administration of the law—cannot be started until the OPA's rent offices in Wilmington are equipped with forms and a staff. Meantime, Jeffrey appealed to landlords to immediately cut the rent back to the same amount collected as of April 1, 1941, and let adjustments, if any, come later. In some cases, he admitted, this would mean slashing the income of landlords in half, or even more.

"While rents in the New Hanover area have advanced around 25 per cent since April 1, 1941," he said, "there are cases where the advance has been as much as 200 per cent. Briefly, the law requires that every person renting a building for habitation must not charge more rent for the same building that he charged on April 1, 1941.

"The tenant cannot be evicted, so long as he pays the new legal rate, no matter if his lease has expired. He may only be evicted if the owner wants the property for his own use, for sale, or for remodeling. The area rent director may grant an upward adjustment in the legal rent if major capital improvements have been made on the building, or if substantial services have been added. Present maintenance and service must be continued. On dwellings completed since April 1, 1941, the legal rent will be the same as the first rent rate established, provided, however this is not out of line with rents for comparable dwellings.

New Hanover is the first of eleven counties called 'defense rental areas' to have the rent ceiling imposed.

"Only one other area—the Cumberland-Hoke area, has an April 1, 1941 date as a ceiling. The others will have rents rolled back to March 2, 1942, provided the compulsory rent control law is invoked. They now are working out a 60-day period of voluntary compliance."

Jeffrey said the New Hanover rent situation was probably the most perplexing in the state. He estimated the population of Wilmington had doubled in the last two years. Normally, the county has a population of about 49,000.

advance had been offset by recapture of numerous towns in the enemy rear.

Coupled with Chinese successes in Chekiang, where the towns of Chenghsien and Changlochen were reported among those recaptured, the Chinese announced further advances by their forces driving toward Ichang, strategic port of the middle Yangtze and highwater mark of the enemy campaign in the heart of China.

In still another setback to the invader, the Chinese said Japanese

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Japs Increase Pressure Upon Chinese Provinces

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNCKING, China, June 1.—(AP)—The Japanese have broadened their drive upon China's coastal provinces with a major offensive in Kwangtung, north of the occupied provincial capital of Canton, and heavy fighting is raging in this new theater, the Chinese command announced today.

The fighting spread to Kwangtung, China's southernmost seaboard province, following thrusts to the north last month against the Fukien coast and across Chekiang province. In the latter, the Chinese said a new Japanese ad-

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Fighting Bogs Down In War On East Front

Armies Believed Girding For Outbreak Of Even Greater Battles

MONDAY IS QUIET

Russians Claim 432 Nazi Planes Destroyed In The Week Ending May 30

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, June 1.—(AP)—Each side dug in on its new lines in the Crimea and the Ukraine and prepared for a possible outbreak of even greater battles on the southern front today as dispatches from that theater reported inaction for the first time in three weeks.

The midnight communique said there was no essential change in positions anywhere on the front during the day.

It listed 432 German planes destroyed in the week ending May 30, against 134 Russian losses for the period.

In something resembling a standoff, the Russians against Khar'kov were holding on to the wedges they had driven into the German lines and to a bridgehead across an important river where they had brought the German counter-attack to a stop after their own drive had slowed down.

As their part of the fruits of the first flurry of the 1942 spring campaign, the Germans now held all of Korch peninsula.

As in indication of the latent force in the area, a Pravda correspondent said Soviet reconnaissance had discovered that one German armored column, which wound through a city and reached on to the horizon, was moving toward the front.

The correspondent did not make clear, however, whether these were fresh forces or troops which had moved up in the course of the battle. He said Soviet aviation in three days destroyed 50 of the tanks.

Local activity over the week-end northwest of Moscow, where the Germans moved up reinforcements and the Russians attacked, suggested to observers that the next great burst of spring fighting might come in that sector instead of in the south.

Miners Not Expected To Withdraw From CIO

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—A subcommittee of the United Mine Workers' policy committee will not recommend withdrawal from the CIO, an authoritative source disclosed tonight.

The report to be submitted tomorrow, however, will insist upon CIO's recognition of a cash deduct of \$1,665,000 to the mine union and will endorse the proposal of its president, John L. Lewis, for resumption of unity negotiations with the AFL, it was reported.

WILMINGTON HAS RAID REHEARSAL

Test Is Most Realistic So Far As 'Casualties' Are Concerned

Wilmington went through a rehearsal air raid last night in an extraordinarily realistic manner, so far as 'casualties' were concerned.

Some thirty trucks, serving as ambulances, manned by doctors, stretcher bearers and nurses rushed to "bombed" areas, administered first aid and sped the victims to the four casualty centers where full hospital squads worked as seriously and earnestly as if the wounds were real.

But that was only one phase of the rehearsal. To begin with the yellow light flashed on at the control center, a signal from the filter station that an enemy air force was approaching. Within a few minutes air raid wardens were calling the control room telling the extent of damage, equipment needed and special requirements to meet the emergency.

These messages were received by Commander C. David Jones, who read them out to the staff, whereupon the particular control officer whose branch of relief was affected issued his orders to the service corps. This proving slow, the

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BOMBS ARE RAINED ON WIDE 'INVASION PATH' BY BRITISH

Not Damned Thing Left Is Way RAF Bomber Pilot Describes Cologne Raid

German-Held Docks, From Holland To Cherbourg, Blasted In Attack

NINE PLANES ARE LOST

Assault Follows Cologne Raid As U. S. Pledges To Join In The Offensive

By WES GALLAGHER LONDON, Tuesday, June 2. (AP)—British bombers sprayed explosives over a 400-mile "invasion path" on the continent all day yesterday as the United States Air Force chief pledged that American pilots soon would join the RAF in a gigantic campaign to erase German industries city by city in attacks surpassing the historic 1,250-plane attack on Cologne.

Swarms of hurricane and Boston bombers accompanied by Spitfire fighters smashed at German-held docks and factories all the way from Holland to Cherbourg, losing nine planes to the Nazis' two, a British communique said.

As the word spread by radio into Europe that "the Yanks are coming," hundreds of great four-motored British bombers were awaiting only good weather and the order "go to it again!" in their pulverizing smashes at German cities.

In the big daylight sweeps the British attacked docks at Flushing, Brugge, Cherbourg, Boulogne, Dieppe, and Abbeville, and a factory at Calais which makes parachutes for the German air force.

Hurricane bombers diving at more than 400 miles per hour placed their explosives "smack in the middle of the factory," the air ministry news service said.

Reports from neutral countries on the continent said that planes were streaming eastward from the Cologne area, away from the whole vulnerable Rhineland.

A glimpse of the striking power already built up by the RAF was seen in a disclosure that new crews had received their orders for a second tremendous onslaught last night when bad weather closed in and restricted operations.

Germany cried out for reprisals, but the worse the Luftwaffe was able to deal out last night was a three-wave attack by 25 to 50 planes on the southeastern England cathedral city of Canterbury.

The sharp counter-attack against the quiet little town left hundreds homeless and wrecked a number of historic buildings including some damage to churches, but casualties were described unofficially as light.

(The fate of the great cathedral of Canterbury was not disclosed at the British state it obviously was the target at which the Nazis struck.)

With the big bombers held in readiness at scores of airbases, fighters and fighter-bombers rapped away at northern France by daylight, and toward evening a large aerial force was seen flying at 20,000 feet across the channel

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MYRNA LOY GETS DIVORCE DECREE

Film Star Charges Producer Husband With Mental Cruelty

RENO, Nev., June 1.—(AP)—Actress Myrna Loy, 36, was granted a divorce from Arthur Hornblow, 49, film producer, at a 10-minute hearing today.

Miss Loy, who entered films in 1925, charged Hornblow had treated her with extreme mental cruelty causing her "great unhappiness and injured her health."

The hearing was private. Miss Loy wore a grey tweed suit and a quilted grey ensemble bag and hat to match. Her hair was done in a new "Victory bob," designed to conserve hair pins.

She was accompanied by L. O. Reiners and Shirley Ramsey. Miss Reiners testified that Miss Loy had resided at a Nevada guest ranch for the last six weeks. Mrs. Ramsey, companion and friend, will accompany Miss Loy to New York tonight.

Hornblow and Miss Loy were married at Ensenada, Mexico, June 27, 1936, and for several years were regarded as the film colony's most ideally married couple. They separated March 27.

SHIP TORNADOED RIO DE JANEIRO

—The government announced that a Brazilian ship Goncalves Dias was torpedoed and sunk May 24 off the North American Atlantic coast with a loss of six lives.

House Refuses To Pass Canal, Pipeline Bill

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Overriding its democratic leadership, the House refused today to pass a bill authorizing construction of an oil pipeline across Florida and a barge canal connecting the gulf and Atlantic inland waterways at an estimated cost of \$144,000,000.

While the way was left open for later consideration, Chairman Mansfield (D-Tex.) of the Rivers and Harbors committee, that had urged the measure's passage said he did not intend to press it further.

"As far as I am concerned, the bill is dead," Mansfield told re-

Maxwell Resents Auditors' Report

Attempt Is Made To Dodge Responsibility, He Says

RALEIGH, June 1.—(AP)—An audit report sharply critical of methods and practices followed by the State Department of Revenue was made public today by the state auditor's office and it drew an immediate and bitter reply from Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell.

"I am willing to accept whatever responsibility properly belongs to me for irregularities which have occurred in the department," Maxwell said, "but it seems to me that the state auditor's auditing division has gone rather far afield in its efforts to dodge any responsibility for these things and to place it entirely on my shoulders."

The report of the auditor's office, prepared by T. N. Grice, said that revenue department records were so badly kept that "for the past several years the greater part of the time available for auditing the records of the department has been spent in getting the records in condition for audit."

In reply Maxwell said "I want to quote Grice against Grice." In the audit for the year ended June 30, 1940, Maxwell said Grice had this to say:

"The accounting records showing the revenue collections and expenditures made by this department were in excellent condition, and we experienced no difficulty in obtaining the information necessary for the preparation of the financial statements submitted herewith."

The audit report and Maxwell's reply followed by only a few weeks a series of trials here in which several former revenue department employees were convicted of embezzlement or of aiding and abetting in embezzlement. Some of these employees are in prison or have appealed their convictions to the state supreme court.

Release of the auditor's office report immediately stirred speculation that changes in the high command of the revenue department were in the offing, but Maxwell's spirited reply indicated that if the veteran revenue commissioner goes out of office, he will go out fighting. Governor Broughton was not available here tonight for comment on the situation.

BEACH ACCIDENT FATAL TO NURSE

Overcome In Surf, Miss Annie Mae Hagood Dies In Hospital Later

Annie Mae Hagwood, 20-year-old student nurse from Middlesex, who was overcome while bathing at Wrightsville Beach late Monday afternoon, died at James Walker Memorial hospital at 8:30 p. m. after two hours in the hospital's "iron lung" had failed to revive her.

A trainee at Mary Elizabeth hospital in Raleigh, Miss Hagwood was swimming at the foot of Charlotte street at the beach with Beatrice Gales and Catherine Loving, also students at the capital hospital, when undertow and waves forced her under the water.

Miss Gales, who was injured in attempting to rescue her friend, was also treated. Hospital attendants, however, reported her condition as not serious. All three women were doing affiliate work at Babies hospital, Wrightsville Sound.

After being rescued at about 4:30 o'clock, Miss Gales and Miss Hagwood were taken in an ambulance to the Wilmington hospital and the latter placed in the mechanical respirator. Miss Gales was treated and returned to Babies hospital.

The section of the beach at which the three were swimming is not under the supervision of lifeguards. "I guess we just went out too far," one of the supervisors told another nurse. They were about 40 yards off shore.

Funeral arrangements for Miss Hagwood were withheld pending arrival here of relatives.

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U. S. PLANES RAID JAP BURMA BASES

Enemy Tanker Sunk And Other Vessels Are Reported Damaged

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The War Department reported today that American heavy bombers in the Indian command of Major General Lewis H. Brereton had conducted three successful air raids over Japanese positions in Burma this week-end, sinking an enemy tanker, damaging other vessels, scoring hits on runways at an airport and inflicting some damage on parked airplanes.

All of the American planes returned undamaged to their base in India, said a department communique, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and attempted interception by enemy planes.

(Some details of the bombers' feats had been released at New Delhi, India, earlier in the day.) The text of the communique issued here, No. 224 of the war follows:

"1. Burma: "General Brereton reported today that heavy bombers of his command had conducted three successful air raids over enemy installations in Burma.

"On May 29 and May 30, American army bombers attacked the air-drome at Myitkyna in daylight raids. Heavy damage to runways and some damage to parked aircraft resulted.

"Reconnaissance planes of General Brereton's air force flew over Rangoon on May 31, and on June 1 American army bombers attacked the docks and shipping at Rangoon. One enemy tanker was sunk and other vessels were damaged. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered and the enemy planes attempted interceptions. From these flights all of our planes returned undamaged to their base.

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

Doubling Of Civilian Pilot Fund Is Asked

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today to approximately double the budget estimate of \$36,000,000 for civilian pilot training by the administrator of civil aeronautics under the Department of Commerce for the 1943 fiscal year.

He submitted to the House a supplemental estimate asking that \$36,677,450 be added to the \$36,000,000 already provided in the Department of Commerce appropriation act for 1943. The original program for the training of about 13,000 pilots.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina and South Carolina—Little change in temperature Tuesday. (Eastern Standard Time) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday)

1:30 a. m. 69. Maximum 85. 7:30 a. m. 72. Minimum 67. 1:30 p. m. 84. Mean 76. 7:30 p. m. 76. Normal 75.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 92. 7:30 a. m. 85. 1:30 p. m. 53. 7:30 p. m. 65.

Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month 0.00 inches.

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