

Pray With Them and For Them...



Go to Church Easter Sunday

American Soldiers Will Note Easter In Numerous English Churches Today

40 SOLONS FAVOR TRADE PACT SETUP

Survey Shows At Least 40 Will Vote To Continue Reciprocal Accords

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—An Associated Press poll showed today that at least 40 senators will vote to continue the administration's reciprocal trade agreements program or demand substantial amendments.

Since there are 96 members, the senate's decision on renewal of the authority, which expires June 12, thus apparently rests with the 37 senators who either declined to commit themselves or, in six cases, could not be reached for comment.

As the law now stands, the agreements are not subject to approval by congress. A change in this provision is demanded by a substantial number of senators listed as opposed to continuance in the present form.

The 40 senators willing to vote to renew include 33 democrats and seven republicans. They represent a group only nine short of a majority of the senate.

The house is expected to vote on the question first. If, for instance, it agrees to the two-year extension without amending the measure to permit congress to nullify agreements which it did not approve.

MANY ENJOY HOLIDAY Troops In Middle East Will Also Attend Special Sunrise Services

LONDON, April 24.—(AP)—Under the same sky which two springs ago was filled with the German air force's roar of destruction, United States soldiers at dawn tomorrow will commemorate the resurrection of the Prince of Peace.

Observing its second Easter in Great Britain, the American Expeditionary force will be host to thousands of British comrades at a service in Hyde park—an American custom new to the playground and forum of London's millions.

On the dazzling green lawns, where Londoners later in the day will gather to hear an Easter concert by the renowned band of the Grenadier Guards, voices typical of all America will be lifted in prayer and song.

Thousands of these soldiers, with a sprinkling of sailors, will attend special sunrise services.

BURNING VESSEL SUNK IN HUDSON Explosive Laden Craft Destroyed After It Catches Fire At Jersey City

NEW YORK, April 24.—(AP)—An explosive laden ship was sunk in the Hudson river off Bayonne, N. J., tonight after it had caught fire and the police department broadcast a request that waterfront residents of Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey keep their windows open.

Acting Police Commissioner Louis Costanzo requested the warnings be given after the ship had burned for some time and had been towed from its mooring at Jersey City to a point between the New Jersey and New York shores.

Fireboats and police launches meanwhile had been sent to the aid of the boat. At 9:15 P.M., Eastern War Time, the New York Police department announced that the ship had been sunk.

Further details were withheld.

NEW INCOME TAX BILL IS OFFERED Measure Would Cancel About 44 Per Cent Of 1942 Obligations

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—A new pay as you go tax bill, cancelling approximately 44 per cent of 1942 tax obligations, emerged from the Ways and Means committee today as the democratic majority sought to compromise the weary house deadlock.

House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts promptly bid for republican support for the plan, asserting it results in "forgiveness of about \$5,000,000,000" and holding out this olive branch of conciliation.

"My republican friends need not fear that such action would be construed as a defeat for them or a victory for the democrats. It would be a powerful message to our enemies of legislative unity x x x It would be construed as a legislative victory for all of us."

But the measure gained committee approval on voice vote, with the outnumbered republican members sitting silently by and their silence then and statements later served notice they will continue to urge a version of the Ruml skip-a-year bill.

Indeed, the action which will bring the second floor showdown on taxes came only after the committee, also vocally, had rejected the modified Ruml plan and another compromise advanced by Rep. Robertson (D Va) to abate the six per cent normal and first 13 per cent surtax on '42 income.

By agreement, the Ways and Means bill will reach the floor for a single day of general debate on Monday, May 3, but a free or all fight is expected to develop the following day, when both the republicans and Robertson expect to offer their substitutes with the likelihood still other compromises may be proposed.

In an effort to get the nation's taxpayers on a current basis the democratic plan — in contrast to its previous "no abatement" measure — calls for:

- 1. A 20 per cent withholding levy on wages and salaries, beginning July 1.
- 2. Payment of 1942 individual income tax on April 15.

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WEATHER FORECAST: North Carolina: Slightly warmer Sunday.

(Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

1:30 a. m., 54; 7:30 a. m., 53; 1:30 p. m., 62; 7:30 p. m., 60.

Strike Ended Celanese Company Mill

UMW Members Terminate Walkout After Roosevelt Threatens Intervention

SAYS PLEDGE BROKEN

WLB Orders Wage Contract Extended Until Coal Dispute Is Settled

(By The Associated Press) Members of the United Mine Workers at the Newark, N. J., plant of the Celanese Corporation of America decided last night to end their two-weeks-long strike a few hours after President Roosevelt threatened government intervention unless they returned to work by noon Monday.

Howard Gill, president of UMW local 12666, announced in Newark that members of the union voted unanimously to go back to their jobs Monday morning "at the President's request."

The President telegraphed union officers that the government would take steps to protect "the rights of the patriotic workers who desire to work" and the company's legal rights.

Picketing Halted Gill, reporting that picketing had been halted, said Mr. Roosevelt's telegram assured union members that the President would "see that the proper agencies give the proper hearings that are necessary. That is all we wanted in the first place."

The President did not say, in his telegram to John L. Lewis and officials of district 50, United Mine Workers (members of which walked out at the Newark plant) what steps the government would take. The implication was, however, that the Army or Navy might take the situation in hand if the men did not call off their picket lines and return to work.

Mr. Roosevelt said the strike "is a clear violation of labor's no-strike pledge." He moved into the case at the request of the war labor board which previously had demanded that the walkout be ended.

The strike, which started about two weeks ago, arose out of a jurisdictional dispute in which the president intervened.

HARMON ARRIVES AT FLORIDA FIELD Plans To Recuperate From Jungle Ordeal Following Crash Of His Plane

MIAMI, Fla., April 24.—(AP)—Lieut. Tommy Harmon, former Michigan All-America football player, was flown to Morrison Field at West Palm Beach today to recuperate from his jungle ordeal which followed the crash of an Army plane in Dutch Guiana.

He arrived aboard an Army plane from Puerto Rico. The flight had been expected to land at Miami where a group of Army officials awaited the flier, but the plane was flown to its base at West Palm Beach.

Lieut. Harmon reported looking well and feeling in good spirits. He is the sole known survivor of the plane crash.

He slashed his way through the jungle for four days before he could find help.

The flier was ordered to a hospital after his arrival at West Palm Beach and plans for a radio broadcast were cancelled.

News reporters and photographers were not permitted to interview him immediately.

It was at Morrison Field that the former Michigan star received the news of his crash.

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AMERICANS, FRENCH CLOSE ON BIZERTE AS FIRST ARMY CONTINUES DRIVE ON TUNIS

New Report Indicates Rommel Has Been Removed From Africa

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 24.—(AP)—The allied ground command gave official currency today to an engaging piece of captured evidence that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had been removed by some means from the African fighting scene, leaving his cornered Africa corps under command of Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim.

The basis for the crystallizing belief that Rommel had disappeared from Tunisia was a brief statement made public by the headquarters of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, the allied ground commander, which said:

"A document dated March 19 and recently captured by the (British) First Army was signed by von Arnim as general officer, commander-in-chief, and not by Rommel, whose present whereabouts and new appointment, if any, are unknown."

The cryptic announcement immediately revived speculation on what may have happened to the wily Rommel whose whereabouts long have been the subject of rumor and conjecture. That the Nazi desert fox would abandon his personally hothouse-trained Africa corps, now engaged in its fight for life, opened these possibilities: (1) That he had been recalled to take charge of the defenses of Italy's mainland and Sicily and Sardinia because the German high command is convinced Africa already is lost; (2) That he is in disgrace with Hitler and has been removed the same as many other German generals who failed; and (3) That he had been wounded or killed.

It is certain that Rommel's disappearance would have a profound effect on the Africa corps which he personally trained and led in three years of desert battle. Of the three possibilities, the first appeared most likely. It is considered certain Hitler (Continued on Page Five; Col. 3)

County Exceeds War Loan Drive Quota By 12 Per Cent With \$2,902,002 Total

SOVIETS DESTROY 20 NAZI PLANES Hit 18 Others In Raid On Airdrome At Stalino In Donets Basin

LONDON, Sunday, April 25.—(AP)—Russian airmen destroyed 20 more German planes in the northwestern Caucasus and hit 18 others in a raid on an airdrome at Stalino in the Donets basin, Moscow announced early today as land fighting subsided on the long front.

German efforts to expand their narrow bridgehead in the Kuban valley of the Caucasus ceased temporarily because of heavy losses sustained during the last week, said the midnight communique recorded by the Soviet Monitor.

One company of enemy infantry was reported annihilated or dispersed in the Balakleya sector southeast of Kharkov in the Ukraine by sporadic artillery duels raging along the front, and the communique disclosed the Red army still was entrenched in the Sevsk salient 80 miles from Bryansk.

Soviet artillerymen were said to have destroyed five enemy blockhouses and dispersed a battalion of Germans in the Sevsk sector, and anti-aircraft fire downed four planes.

Six blockhouses, one artillery piece, and two enemy batteries were knocked out on the Volkov front southeast of Leningrad, the communique said, and 200 Germans were killed when caught by a barrage as they were moving up to the front.

Soviet airmen appeared to have taken over the brunt of the fighting. The 20 planes credited to the Caucasian air force were downed in air combat or destroyed on German airdromes. At Stalino the communique said 18 "successful hits on enemy planes were observed," and in addition a hangar was demolished, a fuel dump blown up, several fires started, and two locomotives and a troop train were destroyed.

Front dispatches had indicated that the Germans were trying to enlarge their Caucasian bridgehead as the preliminary to a large-scale offensive.

ALLIES ATTACK BIG JAP CONVOY Five Zero Planes Downed In Engagement Northwest Of Wewak

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, April 25.—(AP)—A large convoy of Japanese ships has been attacked by Allied Liberator bombers northwest of Wewak, New Guinea, during which five Japanese Zeros were shot down, the high command announced today.

The communique also reported the dropping of 21 tons of bombs yesterday in a raid on Kendari, which is on the southeast coast of the Celebes approximately 900 miles northwest of Darwin, Australia.

Five enemy planes were destroyed on the ground in the Kendari raid and six probably were shot down.

It was the first heavy raid reported on that base since one Feb. 10.

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OVERRUNNING HILL

U. S. Troops Speed Secretly From Southern Tunisia To New Front

LAUNCH MAJOR PUSH

French Soldiers Reported But 23 Miles From Axis Naval Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 24.—(AP)—American troops who sped secretly to battle from southern Tunisia and French forces on the northern coast were closing on Bizerte from three directions today and the British were overrunning strategic Long Stop hill in their push toward Tunis against the rapidly shrinking axis siege line.

In the midst of this sudden outburst of fierce fighting for the principal remaining objectives in Africa—the great naval base and the capital—it was disclosed that the German commander, Marshal Erwin Rommel, had disappeared.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's 18th army group headquarters announced the capture of a document dated March 19 which indicated that Rommel, who led his Africa Corps into Tunisia after the long retreat from El Alamein, no longer is in Africa.

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WAR CASUALTIES NOW TOTAL 78,235

Figure Represents Increase Of 12,855 Since Last Report Feb. 20

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—The Office of War Information announced today a war casualty total of 78,235. This figure, representing an increase of 12,855 since the last OWI report Feb. 20, apparently did not include some of the most recent Tunisian losses. The OWI explained that the figures were only for casualties whose next of kin had been notified as of yesterday.

The latest list included 12,123 dead, 15,049 wounded, 40,435 missing and 10,628 prisoners. Army casualties totaled 53,309, including 4,976 killed, 10,384 wounded, 27,321 missing, and 10,628 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 1,058 have returned to active duty.

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U. S. Makes New Round Of Attacks In Solomons

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—A new round of attacks on Japanese bases in the Solomon islands was reported by the Navy today in a communique which said that three grounded enemy planes were set ablaze.

The communique made no report on operations in the north Pacific, where for weeks Japanese officers said they assume that bad weather characteristic of the Aleutians had prevented new air raids. This was the second day that no assaults had been reported on Kiska, and if the assumption with regard to the weather was correct, it indicated that the enemy had been given two days

in which to push work on the Kiska airfield. The three grounded planes fired in the Solomons were discovered at Munda on New Georgia island Thursday by a flight of Corsair fighters which strafed the air base there. Earlier Avenger bombers had blasted the runway and silenced anti-aircraft positions.

Following their assaults on Munda the Corsairs raided Vila on nearby Kolombangara island, but results were not reported. During Thursday night, Liberator heavy bombers attacked Kahili, an enemy air base in the Shortland area of the northwest Solomons. Friday, Dantless (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Stockholm Warns Nazis On Mine-Laying Activity

STOCKHOLM, April 24.—(AP)—The Swedish government, announcing the discovery of German mines in Sweden's territorial waters, sent a blunt note to Berlin today warning Germany about the mine-laying and expressing dissatisfaction over the German answer to a protest against the firing upon the Swedish submarine Draken by the German merchant ship Altkirch.

The government announced that the Swedish navy will take measures against any German forces laying mines in this nation's territorial waters as well as against ships which fire on Swedish vessels.

While the formal note to Berlin mentioned only that "measures" would be taken, qualified observers

viewed the order as meaning that officers had been instructed to open fire to protect the neutrality that has safeguarded Sweden from the war.

The note demanded assurance of the Nazis that steps would be taken to prevent a repetition of such incidents as the attack on the Draken.

"Swedish naval vessels are ordered to take measures against ships belonging to belligerent powers which, through laying mines or shooting at other ships or in other ways, are caught in the act of breaking the ban against military action within Swedish territory," the note said.

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