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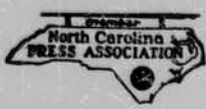
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Ready To Strike!

News this week from London and Africa indicate definitely that the proposed mighty allied invasion of Europe is now only a matter of days.

At least a million men, amply supported by planes, warships and transports, are said to be poised along a 3,000-mile stretch of the Mediterranean from Morocco to Syria, ready to strike at any moment.

During their lengthy conferences, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, together with their top military authorities, are believed to have mapped out complete plans for the forthcoming invasion.

It is significant that upon his return to England, Mr. Churchill visited North Africa and conferred with leaders there and upon returning to London on Saturday, the able British leader held secret war sessions.

Where the allies will strike remains a dark secret, but it is evident that the attack will be along the southern rather than the northern parts of Europe, perhaps through the Balkans or through Italy.

Nobody knows, but the biggest news of World War Two is apt to break at any moment.

Unity At Last

Stormy action has been underway in Argentina for the past week, with the result that this strong South American nation has finally broken off diplomatic relations with the axis nations and has joined the allied cause.

This is something over which we can rejoice. All of the other nations of South America swung wholeheartedly to the allied cause over a year ago, but not Argentina. It has continued to provide a sanctuary to axis agents.

But the military authorities, being unable to get any lend-lease from the United States because of the sympathy with the axis nations, realized that it was dropping behind as a military power on the continent and overthrew President Ramon Castillo's government.

General Arturo Rawson took control, but because of his plans to appoint two Fascist admirers on his cabinet, there was rebellion and he was forced to resign as president.

It is obvious now that the last axis stronghold in South America has vanished and that today there is real solidarity between all of the Americas.

Let N. Y. A. Continue!

According to the report of the Byrd Committee, a lot of federal funds are being spent unwisely. This should be discontinued not only for the duration of the war but permanently. However, there is one phase of federal activities that in our opinion should be carried on and that is the War Production training program of the National Youth Administration. Eventually this work may be taken over by the public schools, but for the present most public schools do not have necessary space or equipment. Then too, the work of the NYA is so well underway and under the direction of trained personnel that valuable time and effort would be lost if a transition should be made at the present.

A good example of the work being done is that of the Asheville NYA War Production training program, under the direction of Mr. Leo H. Manley, covering 17 Western North Carolina counties including Transylvania. For the period beginning July 1, 1942 through May 15,

1943, 1112 boys and girls in this area were trained and placed in war industries. These youths are now contributing toward winning the war in such industries as aircraft factories, machine shops, steel mills, ship-building, as well as the armed services.

The work is carried on 24 hours a day in 8-hour shifts and includes training in machine shop, aircraft woodworking, mechanical, electrical, radio, sheet metal and welding shop work. These trainees are housed in dormitories provided for the purpose and are under strict supervision and care including the service of a doctor and nurse.

After the courses are finished at Asheville the trainees are transferred to Induction-Into-Industry Centers including such well known places as Norfolk Navy Yards, Langley Field, Newport News Dry Dock. Thus there is a follow-through program that no other organization is now prepared to duplicate.

This appears to be an outstanding example of money well spent to help win the war. So let's let the NYA continue!

A Modernized Plan

After four months of bitter congressional battling, Congress finally agreed upon a compromise pay-as-you-go tax bill which abates from 75 to 100 percent of a year's payments.

Thus the federal government's system of collecting income taxes that has been in use since 1913 has been radically changed and modernized.

Starting July 1 individual income taxes will be collected by employers every pay day and the employers will send Uncle Sam a check every quarter.

The bill forgives the past indebtedness of over seventeen million taxpayers 100 percent and forgives about seventy-five percent for the remaining twenty-seven million income taxpayers.

After having waged a bitter fight to defeat the passage of the Ruml plan that called for total forgiveness, Congressman R. L. Doughton, chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, led the fight for a compromise and received highest praise from both Republicans and Democrats in both branches.

The passage of this measure is a break for the taxpayers and for the government, too.

Pass The Strike Bill

Heeding an order from the commander-in-chief and faced with the possible passage of a rigid anti-strike law, the nation's 530,000 coal miners, who had been following John L. Lewis instead of the stars and stripes, returned to work Monday.

Indications are that the miners will continue on the job while negotiations are being carried on by the War Labor Board, despite the fact that Lewis sounded a threat of a work stoppage on June 20 unless a contract is agreed upon by that time.

Certainly Lewis has not surrendered in the battle with the government and although it is apparent that Mr. Roosevelt does not want Congress to pass the Connally-Smith anti-strike bill, the need for such legislation is imperative. It is rumored that the President was favoring the measure, but we are informed by high-ranking members of Congress that this is a most delicate question with the administration.

In record time the House passed the far-reaching anti-strike legislation last Friday, but as yet the Senate has not acted on the bill that was drastically amended from the one which the senators had previously okayed.

This paper likes the five-point provisions of the House bill, which include: giving the war labor board statutory powers, providing a fine of \$5,000 and or one year's imprisonment for persons who "aid" in interruption of work at war plants seized by the government, requiring 30 days notice and a secret ballot before strikes can be called in war plants, requiring labor unions to register with the national labor relations board and file financial data and prohibiting labor organizations from contributing to political campaigns.

The final passage of this bill, in our opinion, will be equal to the winning of a major victory against the Japs or Germans.

Certainly there must be no compromise on the issue of whether John L. Lewis or the constitutional authorities govern our republic. And if Congress accepts its responsibility, it will pass the bill at once and insure the country against future disruption such as John Lewis has caused during the past six weeks.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book featuring a portrait of a man and a woman in traditional dress. Text includes: 'THE MOST VALUABLE SIGNATURE IN AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE AUTOGRAPH COLLECTOR'S STANDPOINT IS THAT OF BULLION SUMNER... COSTUME INCLUDES A SHORT WHITE MUSLIN DRESSING-JACKET, WHITE SATIN KNEE BREECHES, RICHLI EMBROIDERED, JAY SOCKS, SMALL SLIPPERS, AND ON HIS HEAD A SORT OF FOOL'S CAP COVERED WITH A VEIL.'

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

Washington, June 12—The specific type of American bombing attacks leveled lately upon Southern Italy is the usual forerunner to invasion in commonly accepted military tactics.

On the other hand, the nature of the long range attacks by the RAF over the Northwest European shore-line is not generally a prelude to early land attack.

Our Flying Fortresses have hammered Italy continually—almost in broad daylight—shooting at the railroad junctions leading southward from Rome into Sicily (Foggia, etc. and at Naples, the leading seaport from which Nazi supplies are being shipped to Sicily. We have likewise hammered the immediate airports throughout the territory including Sardinia and Pantelleria to keep Mediterranean skies clear of Axis planes.

But over the Nazi-controlled continent, the RAF has continued to shoot at far different targets—at industrial centers, dams, public utilities, rather than at the railroad junctions and airfields immediately behind the shore.

The evidence, therefore, contained on the face of our military operations, suggests only invasion of the Southern Italian front.

Domination of the air on a great arc running half-way up into Italy has been maintained by us since the Nazi collapse in Tunisia.

Just after our Tunisian victory, we met practically no opposition in the air over Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. After a few days, Hitler rushed some planes to one or two places, but these were soon destroyed by us, many of them on the ground. Again after a few days Hitler put some plane reinforcements into the area, and again they were destroyed, so we have enjoyed almost complete freedom from air opposition in our bombing attacks.

The situation there is entirely different than in Britain when the Nazis failed to get air control for invasion. During the German Blitz over England, the British lost almost plane for plane with the Nazis in a terrific struggle. Axis air losses in Italy have been very much heavier than ours.

Indeed, the opposition has been so weak as to warrant the conclusion that Mussolini's airplane defenses have been practically wiped out and he now lies prone on the ground with nothing more than anti-aircraft fire to hinder his ultimate destruction.

Ordinarily a land army can easily go any place it can get an air supremacy, even without complete dominance. You might surmise, therefore, that the time has arrived when Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill might well call upon the Axis for surrender of Italy to save needless destruction of lives and property.

In an ordinary war, this would surely be expected, but the Mussolini regime, although having lost its own Southern skies, still controls the police and the army, and thus delays the date of its death at a terrific cost to its people.

Also tough, wise, old General Stillwell in China once said that while dominance of the air was a decisive military factor, it still remains true that the only way you can conquer a piece of ground for sure is "to get someone to go there and stand on it."

It looks, therefore, as if we will have to go into Italy and stand on it. The Jackal, as Churchill calls Mussolini, will have to be routed from his lair.

The final American mooping up operations on Attu still leave Kiska in Jap hands behind our lines, subject to starvation or attack. No supplies have arrived for the Japs on Kiska since our Attu operations started, and none will ever get in,

according to our hopes and aspirations. With Attu as a submarine and air base, we will probably dissuade the Jap generals from even trying to send reinforcements to Kiska. The Aleutians may, therefore, be cleaned out without further heavy operations.

Poultrymen Go Slow On Summer Broilers

North Carolina poultrymen should go slow and stay on the safe side in producing summer broilers, says Prof. Roy S. Dearnsteyne, head of the Poultry Department at N. C. State College. Since the feed situation is so serious, he suggests that growers make sure of an adequate supply of feed from the feed dealers before contracting for the chicks.

He further suggests that growers anticipate the necessity of more floor space per started chick than is usually required in the spring. About 2 square feet of floor space should be given for each 3 chicks at the beginning of the feeding and this space should be increased to one square foot per chick, when they are 4 weeks of age.

At least 20 percent more bakery goods are being produced this year with the same amount of shortening as was used last year.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM BERT Central Press Writer

The Germans promised to defend their Tunisian position "to the last cartridge." Maybe the cartridges, like that statement, were just duds.

And then there's Mussolini who promises the Italians he will return to Africa. O.K., Duce—what's stopping you?

"Strawberry Acreage Reduced"—headline. Oh, come now—we're willing to make sacrifices but let's be reasonable!

It's Junior's guess that the new substance with which the Navy chases away sharks from swimming seamen must be some ingredient extracted from spinach.

Japs are building a new base on Vanga Vanga. Their idea, no doubt, of doubling a war effort.

A prominent wrestler spends his spare time fishing. Just can't get away from that catch-as-catch-can business.

An old timer, says Grandpappy Jenkins, is a fellow who can remember when China was chiefly famous for being the source of

mah jongg and chicken chow mein.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TO MEET 18TH

The regular court of honor of the Transylvania Boy Scout district will be held next Friday night at the First Baptist church here, with Chairman Jack Trantham in charge. A change in the meeting place was announced by E. H. McMahan.

A number of scouts are expected to appear before the court.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our many friends for their acts of sympathy during the illness of our father and husband, J. A. Allison, and the beautiful floral offerings. The Allison Family.

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