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## FDR Asks Billion For Defense

### Motorized Units Fighting Fiercely Along 110-Mile Front In West Sector

#### Nazis Attack Heavily On Wide Front

German Air Forces See Heavy Action in Connection With the Ground Units; Sinking of Allied Ships is Claimed.

May 16. (AP)—German forces attacked heavily today along the front from Antwerp to the English Channel. The high command reported that the fighting "accepted the fight" against fortifications north of Antwerp and along the Dyle river. It is reported that German forces have taken three southward thrusts from Belgium to Namur, 50 miles from Antwerp. The high command said "our forces expanded their successes" by capturing the Meuse and "again destroyed counter-attacks."

German forces pressed the attack to the Maginot line itself, farther west, to take into their hands the strip between the two fortified lines. German forces on the ground, German air forces and heavy action. The high command reported it broke up enemy concentrations and destroyed them, losing only 18 planes. The high command said "definitely established the opponents yesterday" of the German forces.

German forces captured two destroyers and a submarine yesterday off the Netherlands coast and two destroyers and a submarine were "hit severely" by a submarine torpedoed an armed merchant man. The high command reported that the high command reported "immortal damage" but that it had injured a number of ships.

#### Another Note Sent Mussolini

May 16. (AP)—The high command today that President Roosevelt had sent another communication to Premier Mussolini in an effort to prevent the spread of the German war.

#### Reynaud Says France Will Be Victorious

May 16. (AP)—Premier Reynaud told the cheering chamber of deputies today that France would be victorious against Germany which was throwing her might into a desperate push to the west. "All can see soon" Reynaud declared "the world will see what is possible of." Reynaud declared that Germany had declared she was going to win the war in six months. Reynaud addressed the chamber at the end of a parliamentary session which began April 25. "I am fighting for nothing," the premier declared. "I am fighting only counts and that counts in France." Reynaud declared "it is necessary to forge a new spirit." Reynaud declared the chamber that "we would take measures which would have seemed impossible."

Dutch Soldiers Enroute to a Concentration Camp



According to the German censor-approved caption, photo shows Dutch soldiers captured by the invading Nazis. They were captured shortly before all Holland, with exception of Zeeland Province, surrendered to Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg. Photo radioed from Berlin to New York.

### Administration To Seek Huge Sum To Bolster Farm Prices

#### British Hold Vandenberg Belgian City Is Candidate

Fierce Hand-To-Hand Fighting Sweeps Through Streets of Louvain Today.

With the British Expeditionary Force in Belgium, May 16. (AP)—Hand-to-hand fighting of the fiercest kind swept through the sun-splashed streets of Louvain this morning as picked troops counter-attacked three times to throw out Germans who had gained a foothold on the eastern fringe of the town. In the late afternoon the British were busy digging in after a day of furious combat in which an early German advantage had been overcome by three furious attacks by the British infantry. The Germans had withdrawn outside the town and artillery of both armies was busy—the Germans shelling the British position in the environs and the British guns hurling metal over the town into the German lines in the country behind it.

Michigan Senator Announces His Availability to Michigan GOP Convention.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 16.—United States Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, standing before delegates of the state Republican convention expected to endorse him for the party's presidential nomination, declared today his availability for the office and pledged that the nation remain aloof from any war that did not come to its shores. "I think Congress should set up a special joint committee on the conduct of the national defense to sit continuously—not to subordinate War and Navy department experts

### Convention Fights, If Any, Will Be Over Personalities Rather Than Over Principles

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, May 16.—North Carolina's Democratic hosts will gather here tomorrow with the only prospect of a fight a matter of personalities rather than of principles. With more than 75 of the delegation under instruction from their counties to support the renomination of President Roosevelt, there seems no possibility that the principle of a third-term endorsement can be subject of a floor or committee battle. With Governor Clyde R. Hoey still the most popular figure in the State, there is not even an outside chance that endorsement will be anything but unanimous. With all the gubernatorial candidates on record in favor of teacher pensions, nobody will be able to raise a fuss there. With reappointment a mandate of the Constitution, it will be impos-

sible to muster any opposition to a resolution endorsing it in principle, though there may be all kinds of battling before ever it becomes an accomplished fact. And so it goes when considering any of the issues which confront the people and the party. But when it comes to the selection of the delegates who will cast North Carolina's 26 votes in the Democratic national convention, there is a distinct possibility that there will be wrangling and jangling, rowing and jowling, before final returns are in. There's no guarantee of a fight even over this, as all hands appear anxious to avoid one if it can possibly be done. The Roosevelt people, for instance, will go to great lengths to meet the wishes of factions which are not any too enthusiastic over FDR and his

#### Closing of Foreign Markets by War Expected to Cause Price-Depressing Surpluses; \$400,000,000 May Be Asked.

Washington, May 16. (AP)—With the war closing many foreign markets to American farm products, authoritative sources said today that the administration plans to ask Congress soon for upwards of \$400,000,000 for price bolstering loans on 1940 crop surpluses. Such funds would supplement the \$750,000,000 farm subsidies and benefits tentatively approved by both the House and Senate in the agriculture department supply bill. Farm officials are viewing the foreign market outlook with anxiety. Secretary Wallace predicted yesterday that exports during the coming fiscal year would be 30 percent smaller than this year. Sharp reductions in foreign sales of cotton, wheat, tobacco, fruits and pork products are anticipated. Under existing legislation the agriculture department is authorized to make loans to producers on surpluses at rates tending to bolster and hold prices above levels that the supply and demand situation otherwise would dictate. However, funds available for such loans were said to total less than \$100,000,000. Through loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Congressional appropriations \$1,000,000,000 has been made available to the Commodity Credit Corporation for such loans. About \$900,000,000 of this amount is now tied up in loans or in commodities taken over under foreclosures.

#### Leopold Calls On Soldiers To Resist

London, May 16. (AP)—King Leopold III of Belgium was heard today calling by radio on the men "of the forts of Liege" to "resist to the utmost for the fatherland." "I am calling on you, forts of Liege," said the monarch's address. "I address you—Col. Modard, commander, officers, noncommissioned officers and men—to resist to the utmost for the fatherland. "I am proud of you."

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair in the west, mostly cloudy and slightly cooler east portion tonight, preceded by showers in central portion this afternoon; Friday generally fair.

#### Movement Is So Fast As To Confuse

Armored Units From Either Side Cut Loose From Their Infantry and Plunge Boldly Forward to Attack From the Rear.

Paris, May 16. (AP)—Thousands of war planes and tanks clashed in an unprecedented battle of movement along the Meuse front today, involving a situation so serious and confused that the high command withheld all but the barest details. A general melee ensued from Namur south to Sedan in northern France—scene of the fiercest German attack—with armored units from either side cutting loose from their infantry and plunging boldly forward to strike the enemy from the rear.

A war ministry spokesman said the Germans were meeting powerful resistance as they pushed deeper into Belgium at three different points on the west bank of the Meuse where they crossed yesterday. Fighting was general after a week's operations on two great lines. One runs from Antwerp to Sedan in France. The second line runs from Sedan along the Franco-German border to the Vosges mountains. In this area the fighting was characterized principally by artillery duels between opposing fortifications. In the Sedan region itself, the French claimed the Germans were blocked in an attempt to deepen a pocket they drove into northern France yesterday. A French war office spokesman acknowledged that the German army, following up advances gained after crossing the Meuse between Sedan and Namur, continued to push forward in the face of strong allied opposition. He said the enemy, flinging armor-

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#### U. S. Ambulance Driver Missing On West Front

Paris, May 16. (AP)—An American ambulance driver, Lawrence A. Jump, of Nantucket, Mass., who was attached to the French army, was reported missing today after German artillery bombarded the ambulance he was driving. Official French reports to the American volunteers ambulance organization in Paris said the ambulance was heavily shelled during a local action on the western front. Another American ambulance was wrecked and three others hit by shells, Col. James Sparks, head of the volunteer units, announced. At the same time Miss Anne Morgan's "Friends of France" committee, which has been removing civilians from the French Ardennes department, reported to its Paris headquarters that the unit had been bombed repeatedly in northern France.

#### Cannon Urges Relief Fund

Washington, May 16. (AP)—Representative Cannon, Democrat, Missouri, asserted to the House today that world and domestic conditions were so unsettled that Congress must abandon original plans to slash relief appropriations and provide enough money to help the same number of unemployed that have been aided this year. Opening debate on a \$975,000,000 WPA bill, Cannon said: "Here is the situation. Under our present schedule of \$1,500,000,000, we are employing 2,000,000 men. If we curtail the program we can employ only 1,300,000 men. In other words, we would have to drop 700,000 workers. "So radical a transition would be most disastrous."

### AIR ARMADA OF 50,000 PLANES IS ADVOCATED

Ideal Is Still Peace, Roosevelt Tells Congress, Adding "Nevertheless, We Stand Ready Not Only to Spend Millions for Defense, But to Give Our Services and Even Our Lives For The Maintenance of American Liberties".

Washington, May 16. (AP)—An air armada of 50,000 warplanes was advocated by President Roosevelt today in a personally delivered message to Congress asking a \$1,182,000,000 emergency national defense program.

"Our ideal, our objective is still peace—peace at home and peace abroad", Mr. Roosevelt told a tense and solemn joint session of the Senate and House. "Nevertheless, we stand ready not only to spend millions for defense, but to give our services and even our lives for the maintenance of our American liberties."

The huge warplane program was put forward by the Chief Executive as a long range goal. His more immediate recommendations, Mr. Roosevelt said, were designed to give the nation a modern, well equipped army and industrial-military resources capable of leading the defense of the western hemisphere in a world of lightning war.

#### U. S. Citizens Again Warned To Come Home

Geneva, May 16. (AP)—The American consulate here sent a warning today to all American citizens who are "not prepared to remain in Switzerland in event this country is involved in war" to leave the country at the earliest possible moment. The United States consulate sent the following circular to American residents in the Italian capital: "The consulate has been directed by the embassy to call the attention of American citizens residing in the Rome consulate district and advice of returning to the United States at the earliest possible moment." It was understood that other American consulates had sent similar messages. Ambassador William Phillips delivered a message from President Roosevelt to Italian authorities yesterday for transmission to Premier Mussolini, it was learned. Troops continued today to protect British and French embassies in Rome against possible demonstrations. None materialized.

#### COAST GUARD HUNTS THREE DURHAM MEN BELIEVED DROWNED

New Bern, May 16. (AP)—The coast guard cutter Pamlico under command of Lieutenant H. T. Diehl left her dock here this morning for the vicinity of Wilkerson Point, 12 miles down Neuse river, to search for the bodies of three Durham men believed drowned early Monday morning. Before leaving, Diehl said that a fleet of smaller craft would be used in the search for the bodies of W. J. Croom, Durham public safety director, and Policemen T. H. Holloway and Bud Malone.

#### RAF Begins Test Of New Bomb Delayed

Aberdeen, Md., May 16. (AP)—A test of the death dealing power of inventor Lester P. Barlow's liquid-oxygen-carbon bomb was postponed today until next week and the lives of a herd of goats were at least temporarily saved. The inventor declined to go through with the test today because he said he was ordered to bring out a 1,000 pound sack of his "ghnite" 20 minutes before the scheduled time and much of the oxygen evaporated. Barlow, obviously upset, left the scene before some of the congressional committeemen and military authorities, for whom the demonstration was scheduled, had arrived, asserting he was "being made a sucker of". He returned later and said there had been "some mistake". Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, took a philosophical view of the entire matter. "Someone always profits by such things and in this instance it's the goats," he said.

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