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MOMENTOUS ALLIED DECISIONS IMMINENT

U.S. To Redouble War Shipments To France

U.S. Won't Recognize Conquests

Roosevelt Answers Reynaud's Desperate Plea for Aid; Asks Power Commission To Safeguard Utilities Resources.

June 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt assured France today that the United States would redouble its efforts to send planes to the Allies as long as they maintained "an effective defense of their own territory."

He also added that his assumption was that the "implications of our military commitments" were such that Congress can make such a decision. The President said in a letter to Premier Reynaud that such a message was made public to the House.

He also told Reynaud that the United States would not redouble its efforts through military aid unless it would not "consider attempts to infringe on the independence and territorial integrity of France."

The President's cable was in reply to an appeal for aid from France which the French president had sent "clouds of planes" to the Atlantic.

A message was sent shortly before the executive conferred with Lord Lothian of the United Kingdom, the British ambassador. The White House contents of the President's program was conveyed to the British.

He also announced after the war that certain points were "cleared up," but no details.

He also announced, instructing the War Relocation Authority to investigate the adequacy of emergency supply to meet the needs. He asked the War Relocation Authority also to investigate the needs of the war, including generating plants and to work out a plan to meet the power supply needs.

200 Soviet Tanks In Lithuania With Russia Expanding

Berlin, June 15.—(AP)—Two hundred Soviet Russian tanks already have passed Kaunas, Lithuania's capital, in a new extension of Russian military power while the main force of an armored division has arrived in the city itself. Armored cars of the red army were said to be stationed at all public buildings.

Washington U.S. Bound

United States Liner Carrying Refugees, Mostly Women and Children, To New York.

London, June 15.—(AP)—The United States liner *Manhattan* is on her way to New York with 1,748 American citizens, many of whom are refugees from Europe within the next 48 hours to take home 4,000 refugees who fled from Europe.

The *Manhattan* sailed this morning from London and on board were women, many of the latter being of age. Sailors who were on board said they never had seen so many children on one vessel.

They noted the unusual situation in which the liner officials loaded the ship with refugees from all parts of Ireland.

Wallace Greets 4-H Club



Iowa delegation to the 14th national 4-H club camp is greeted by Secretary Wallace in Washington.

Tax Bill Unanimously Is Approved By Senate Body

Debt Check Is Paid In By Finland

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Broughton Leaves Newsmen Speculating As To Leading Appointments He Will Make

Beyond that, there isn't nearly the certainty about the other five "big" appointments—commissioner of revenue, director of purchase and contract, assistant director of the budget, highway commission chairman and director of the department of conservation and development.

For the first named there'd be little speculation if A. J. Maxwell were believed capable of regaining his health and strength.

But nobody thinks he can or will—and so that throws the whole thing wide open to the wildest sort of guessing.

Maxwell has been "it" so long it's hard to dissociate him and the office. He held it through good times and bad, through support of the eventual gubernatorial winner, and even after he had himself run against the final victor. Now it seems he is completely out of the picture.

Some seem to think Broughton will settle the question by moving budget boss Robert C. Deyton over to the Department of Revenue. There was talk of Broughton's brother-in-law Willard Dowell, but Mr. Dowell has assured your reporter there is absolutely nothing to the reports.

Latest is the report that some "dollar a year" man, in the sense that the revenue commissioner's salary rates about that in comparison to present income, such as John Hanes or Walter Lambeth. Will get

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, June 15.—Those of the writing gentry, including your Raleigh reporter, are finding themselves really handicapped in trying to guess the identity of the half-dozen persons whom next-Governor J. Melville Broughton will name to the six large, juicy, plum places within his bestowing.

The handicap consists in the fact that Mr. Broughton apparently has committed himself to nobody for any one of the jobs; and when the appointment authority has not itself intimated to anyone how the places are to be filled, it adds no end to the difficulty of finding out anything authentic.

It follows, as a matter of course, that all the dope stories going the rounds about prospective Broughton appointees are pure guess stories and nothing else—though most of the predictions have been based on logical reasoning, if nothing more.

For instance, it seems too obvious for mistake that the private secretary's post will go to young Bob Wells. Kenansville attorney who made a fine record heading up a "young man's" division of the Broughton campaign. His character, his personality, his record in Young Democratic circles combine to spell acceptability, as one of the acutest political observers hereabouts (Lynn Nisbet) puts it.

Russo-Lithuanian Dispute Is Settled

American Dies In Crash Of Finnish Plane

Helsinki, June 15.—(AP)—Henry W. Anthiel, Jr., of Trenton, N. J., attached to the American legation in Helsinki, was killed in the mysterious explosion of a Finnish air liner yesterday in which ten other persons lost their lives.

Spokesmen said Anthiel was on "courier service" but had no authority to say whether he was acting as a courier carrying any special documents from Berlin.

The governments of Finland and Estonia began an investigation to determine whether sabotage was involved in the loss of the plane bound from Estonia to Helsinki.

A private source expressed belief the plane was carrying "diplomatic matter" from Berlin intended for shipment to America through the Finnish port of Petsamo.

British Ships Sunk By Nazis

London, June 15.—(AP)—The admiralty today announced H. M. S. Calypso, an anti-aircraft cruiser, was sunk in Mediterranean waters by an Italian submarine.

An officer and 38 men were missing.

Enemy mines sank two trawlers, the Myrtle and the Ocean Sunlight, in home waters.

The 4,180-ton Calypso had a normal crew of 437 men.

The admiralty said it was feared there were no survivors of the Myrtle and that eight were missing from the Ocean Sunlight.

Big Maginot Line Is Cut, Germans Say

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Capture of Verdun and a breach in the Maginot line were claimed by the Germans today as high Allied councils apparently were shaping momentous decisions.

The breach in the Maginot line was said to have been made on a "bread front" south of Sarbruck. For two days German artillery, hour after hour, had hurled shells into the steel and concrete of the Maginot line, and dive bombers had punished it with bombs.

Both the town of Verdun and its famed fortress fell, the Germans asserted.

Verdun, where the German were stopped in the World War by French "shell not pass," is 135 miles east of Paris, and about 25 miles south of Montmedy, northern anchor of the Maginot line, which the Germans already held.

British reports of vital decisions indicated that the "next 24 hours" might prove the climax of the fight in France.

There was no inkling of what impended. But the authoritative Nazi news commentary Dienst Aus

Forms Defense Force



Charles Sweeney has completed formation of the first unit of an American-managed force for defense of London against possible German invasion.

Italy Drives Off Attack

French Naval Squadron Bombs Ligurian Riviera With Little Success.

Rome, June 15.—(AP)—An Italian torpedo boat and the coastal batteries of Genoa were reported today to have driven off a French naval squadron which bombarded the Ligurian River at dawn last Thursday.

One French destroyer was reported torpedoed and sunk and another damaged.

The Rome radio said today three persons were killed and 12 wounded in the Genoa engagement, and that six persons were killed and 25 wounded in an air raid on Savona at an undisclosed time. Savona is near Genoa on the coast.

Rome authorities also said airplanes flew over France early yesterday and dropped leaflets, indicating the planes were French.

The leaflets called on the Italians to quit the war. One woman was killed by anti-aircraft fire directed

Position Of Egypt Becomes More Difficult

Sharp fighting between Italian and British troops on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier after repeated Royal Air Force bombings of enemy positions accentuated today the danger that Egypt would be drawn into the war.

Operations of the last 24 hours were declared to have brought the capture of the Italian forces of Capuzzo and Maddaleni by British troops.

There was no immediate official reaction to Italian attacks on Egyptian territory—which the premier had warned would bring a declaration of war against Italy.

U. S. Is Investigating Italian Consul Moves

Washington, June 15.—(AP)—Secretary Hull disclosed today that the government was investigating reports bearing upon the conduct of Italian consular officials in the United States. The State Department chief made the disclosure at a press conference when asked for comment on the objection registered with him yesterday by the Italian ambassador against reports that the consular officials were engaging in pro-fascist activity.

The diplomat handed him a note,

French Fall Back Still Farther

Paris Radio Announces Cabinet Meeting For Today; Strategic Decisions Already Taken By Allied Army Leaders.

London, June 15.—(AP)—An authoritative London quarter declared tonight that the "Allies continue as hitherto in close consultation and complete agreement."

(By The Associated Press)

Momentous allied decisions apparently were imminent today as the weary, driven defenders of France fell back still farther under the onslaughts of Germany's driving legions.

The Paris radio announced a cabinet meeting for 9 a. m. est. today, following reports in London that "strategic decisions of great moment" already had been taken by allied army leaders in France and that "the next 24 hours are likely to show what these are."

In Berlin, the French situation was regarded as hopeless.

Nazi troops have penetrated the Maginot line fortifications, the high command reported, and French forces are in flight.

More than 200,000 prisoners have been taken since June 5, it reported, and inestimable amounts of war material have been captured.

Exultant nazis declared that what still remains of France's armies is on the verge of collapse.

"The French are fleeing wildly," a German spokesman declared, and the Maginot line on which France once relied to keep her safe from German invasion, "soon will be past history."

Allied forces admitted that this was the bitterest hour for France in 70 years.

But the French withdrawals under never-ceasing Nazi pressure were described as orderly, without panic and Generalissimo Maximilien Weygand's troops were said even to have launched counter attacks at several points to check the German speed and cover the retreat.

Fighting in Normandy—west of Le Havre and Caen, and "violent" German pressure in Champagne were reported by the French.

What France's leaders would do next was unknown, but an authoritative, British source said that a separate French peace with Germany was not being considered.

Anxiety over other margins of the preceding war was reflected also in Switzerland, where the public was told how to resist a possible parachute invasion, and in Rumania, where King Carol asked Turkey to stay neutral in order to save the Balkans from becoming involved.

Says German Win Means World Rule

Bennington, Vt., June 15.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace predicted today that a German victory in Europe probably would result in division of the world into four great spheres of economic and political influence.

He listed them, in the order of their power, as follows:

German-controlled areas of Europe and Africa, plus Asiatic territories, which once were British and French colonies; North America and South America, with possibly Australia and New Zealand included; Russia and Japan.

"If Germany wins," he said in a speech prepared for delivery at Bennington College, "she will have the complete resources of the European and African continents, and a slave population of 400,000,000 people."

The secretary declared Hitler looked upon the Western Hemisphere as Germany's "eventual happy hunting ground."

"Once the leaders of the German regime have stolen the soil of Europe and subjugated its people, they hope to channel New World exports to Europe through their own corporations, bartering in such a way as to create the maximum of economic nuisance value, looking toward eventual military penetration in anticipation of the creation of military nuisance values which will yield either loot or conquest after the European model."

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness tonight and Sunday, possibly scattered showers in west.

WEEKLY WEATHER. Considerable cloudiness with seasonal temperatures and occasional local showers during the week.

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