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Reds Issue May Day Warning

Quick Response Made To Plea For Ships

50 Tankers To Carry British Oil

Maritime Commission Makes Plans to Transfer Vessels to Routes From South America to North Atlantic Ports.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—In response to President Roosevelt's request for ships for this country "and to the democracies", the Maritime Commission made plans today to place 50 American tankers in the service of the British within the next few days.

All operations of American tankers of over 3,000 gross tons are being called on for aid in the program.

The initiative plan does not call for a transfer of registry of tankers to the British, but for their use outside the zone for the direct benefit of the British.

Under the proposal, the tankers would be operated from oil producing centers along the north coast of South America to United States North Atlantic ports.

At the North Atlantic ports the oil would be transferred to British tankers for the remainder of the trip.

Shipping experts said the transfer of a cargo from one tanker to another is not a difficult operation, such as would be involved in the handling of a general cargo from one ship to another.

The commission was asked by the President late last night to begin rounding up 2,000,000 tons of shipping to carry abroad "vital war materials."

Draft Quotas Announced

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—Quotas calling for 1,032 Tar Heels will be inducted into the armed forces between May 21 and 29 were announced today by state selective service headquarters.

Of the total, 120 will be whites and 912 will be Negroes. All will be inducted at Fort Bragg, but the exact date were not released.

Quotas by draft boards, with white listed first and Negroes second, include:

Granville 3,5;
Warren 3,0.

No requirement was listed for Vance county).

House Mourns At Word Of Folger Death

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—The House received formal notice today of the death of Representative A. D. Folger, Democrat, North Carolina, and immediately adjourned out of respect for him.

Representative Robert L. Doughton, dean of the North Carolina delegation, in notifying the House, said "all who had an opportunity to know his high qualities admired and respected him.

"His death brought to a tragic end a most useful and faithful career."

Folger died last night at Mt. Airy, N. C., of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Speaker Rayburn named a four-man committee to represent the House at the funeral. They are Representatives Doughton, Weaver, Kerr and Clark, all of North Carolina.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Central Methodist church in Mt. Airy.

The body will be taken to the Folger home at 5 o'clock this afternoon. At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning it will be taken to the church, where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral. The Rev. W. J. Miller and the Rev. A. S. Hale will be in charge of the rites. Burial will be in Dobson cemetery at Dobson.

Sees Work Speed-up

James S. Kemper

President James S. Kemper of the United States Chamber of Commerce, addressing the organization's annual session in Washington, declared that every employed person must do 25 per cent more work on the average if both defense and civilian needs are to be fulfilled. He warned, however, against outlawing defense strikes.

Dr. Brewer Is Dead

President Emeritus of Meredith College Dies Unexpectedly at Home In Raleigh.

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—Dr. Charles Edward Brewer, 75, president emeritus of Meredith college, died unexpectedly at his home here this morning.

The veteran educator, who had been associated with Meredith and Wake Forest colleges for more than 50 years, was taken ill about 4 a. m. today. He died three hours later.

Dr. Brewer, a native of Wake Forest, was graduated from Wake Forest college and held degrees from Johns Hopkins, Cornell and Baylor universities.

He joined the faculty of Wake Forest college, which was founded and first headed by his grandfather, Samuel Wait, as a professor of Chemistry in 1889. He was made dean of the faculty in 1902.

Three years later, he was named president of Meredith college, a position he held until March 15, 1939. After his retirement he remained at Meredith in 1940 to teach chemistry.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Baptist church here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dr. S. L. Stanley, the pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Wake Forest.

The body was taken to Meredith college this afternoon to lie in state at the school with which he was associated for a quarter of a century.

Negro Must Pay With Life

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—Sylvester Woodard, 34-year-old Wayne county Negro who stands convicted of one murder and charged with another, will be asphyxiated in Central prison here tomorrow.

Governor Broughton announced today he would not intervene in behalf of the Negro, who was found guilty of shooting down his girl, Lily Townsend, on the streets of Goldsboro.

Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill said that Woodard was charged with fatally shooting George Howard, another Negro, whom he suspected of having dates with the woman.

Fleet Jack Wall, 34, Anson county

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Broken clouds tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature.

More British Troops Safe From Greece

About 48,000 Men Now Reported Taken From Fiery Beaches; London Speculates on Place of Next Nazi Thrust.

London, May 1.—(AP)—At least 80 percent of the British expeditionary force in Greece—or about 48,000 men—has been taken safely from the fiery beaches of that conquered kingdom, the army announced today, amid speculation as to whether Adolf Hitler's next blow would be aimed at the Near East or at this island itself.

Some informed military circles said a grand scale German attack on Egypt and the Suez canal by way of Syria and Palestine was likely within ten days, while others expressed belief the nazi high command again was contemplating invasion of England very soon.

The language of the middle east command communique announcing the withdrawal of 48,000 men from the bullet-spattered beaches of southern Greece indicated that the perilous operation was proceeding in order to get at least some of the 9,000 remaining men away. Prime Minister Churchill said yesterday the British had suffered 3,000 casualties in Greece.

Because the Germans had gained full control of land and air during the fighting around Thermopylae and because they had smashed the only good embarkation port—Piraeus—the British re-embarkation "had to take place from open beaches against continued enemy pressure on land and heavy, repeated attacks from the air," a communique said.

"In such circumstances the withdrawal of large numbers of troops could be effected only at the cost of heavy losses of vehicles and equipment, while rear guards which cover the withdrawal may have to sacrifice themselves to secure the re-embarkation of others."

The troops who escaped, the communique said, "retained their individual fighting gear and were taken to areas where they 'can undertake further active employment.'"

Axis Troops Within Tobruk Defense

Cairo, May 1.—(AP)—Axis troops penetrated the outer defenses of British-held Tobruk this morning but "fighting is continuing" at the Libyan port, British headquarters announced.

Its communique said the attack was launched last night by infantry striking at the hold-out British garrison inside the axis lines "in some strength, supported by numerous tanks."

The British have held out under siege at Tobruk for about three weeks despite the axis re-conquest of Libya. German and Italian units swept beyond, by passing the strongholds, and crossed from Libyan to Egyptian soil in the region of Sahun, 30 miles eastward.

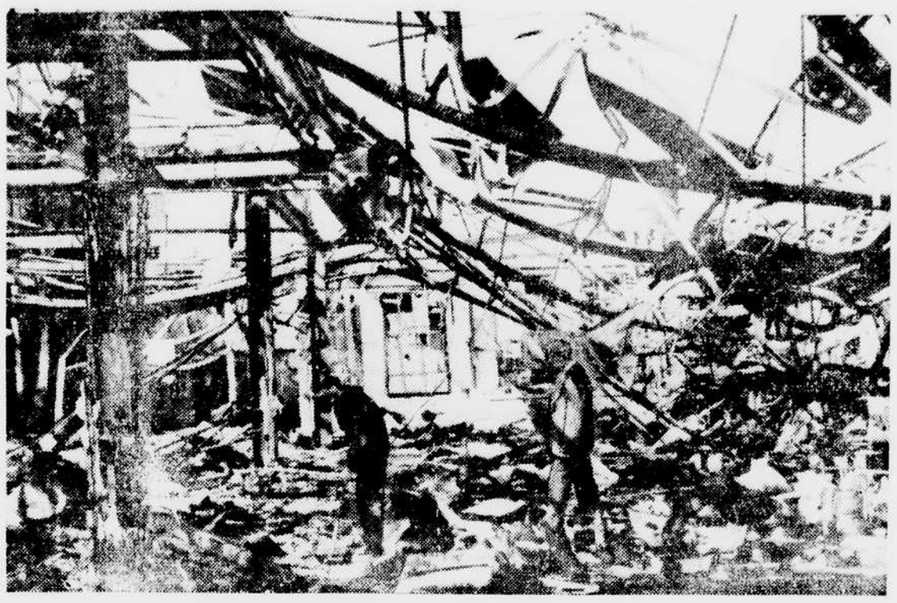
In that time, the British garrison has been under almost constant air attack and has repelled several mechanized thrusts. Nevertheless, it has taken the initiative several times, officers reporting sorties into the axis lines and the capture of some prisoners.

On the east African front, the headquarters war bulletin said 5,500 Italians and 2,400 colonial troops as well as 93 guns had been counted so far as seized around British-captured Desse, Ethiopia.

The RAF said heavy casualties were inflicted on axis troops and a motor transport in Libya, with at least 100 vehicles, 30 of them carrying troops, damaged by machine gun fire in the Gambut area.

Some damage to the royal air force was admitted to have been suffered in an attack at Malta. Two of the attacking plane were brought down, the communique said.

This Was London's Famous Selfridge Store



This is the interior of Selfridge's, London department store, one of the largest in England. The store was struck by a bomb during one of the recent Nazi raids on the British capital; fire followed the blast, and this scene of desolation and ruin resulted. *(Central Press)*

Less Buying Is Favored

Eccles Urges Reduced Purchases of Consumer Goods to Aid in Defense Program.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—Marriner S. Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board declared today that in the interest of financing and expediting the defense program the public should cut down on purchases of automobiles, houses and other consumer goods.

In a speech to the United States Chamber of Commerce, Eccles increased the Treasury objectives of raising $3,000,000,000 in new taxes, saying that this not only would help bear the cost of defense, but that a cut in the purchases of consumer goods would act as a brake on inflationary tendencies.

Further, Eccles suggested that the government should consider the advisability of providing a method of controlling the volume of forbidden buying on small credit.

"Further, [illegible] credit at [illegible] stationary [illegible] stalment credit [illegible] as employment [illegible] ed and to [illegible] declining [illegible] an unbalanced economy, which [illegible] stabilizing [illegible]

With regard [illegible] buying of a [illegible] Service Board [illegible]

"In [illegible] and modify [illegible] these goods, [illegible] deter their [illegible] time when the government begins outlays [illegible] At such a time the flooding of buying power coming into the market will be an offset to the collapse [illegible] penditures and help to sustain employment and [illegible]."

In discussing the problem of how to finance a $[illegible] defense program, Eccles said the real question was not one of providing an "adequate supply of money" but "how to direct the use to which money and credit are put in such a way as to foster the strength of the enterprise and to avoid inflationary consequences."

Eccles opposed imposition of a general sales tax, saying "it would fall heaviest on those least able to pay."

SOUTHERN TRAINS TO RESUME RUNS

Raleigh, May 1.—(AP)—Fourteen Southern Railway passenger trains, discontinued Monday because of the nation-wide soft coal shortage, will resume their regular runs tomorrow, R. O. Self, chief clerk of the State Utilities Commission, announced today.

Self said H. A. DeButts, Southern vice president, had notified him that because of settlement of the strike normal service would begin at once.

U. S. Navy Patrol In Indian Ocean?

Navy May Get Coast Guard's Bigger Ships

Rapidly Developing Axis Threat to British Strategic Position at Suez Canal Raises Speculation on U. S. Action.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau indicated today that President Roosevelt has made a decision about turning over the seagoing part of the Coast Guard to the Navy.

At a press conference, Morgenthau was asked whether anything had been decided and replied "yes, but I can't talk about it."

Ordinarily the Coast Guard joins the Navy only in time of war, but recently the Navy revealed it was negotiating for immediate transfer of the emerging vessels. The discussion included the transfer of ten Coast Guard cutters to Great Britain.

This week, President Roosevelt said he could say nothing to say even on the matter.

The navy would gain the Navy about 25 seagoing ships. It would begin with the Coast Guard are small ships, ranging in size from a dozen of large cutters, some of which have been patrol in Canadian and other waters for some months past and many of them have been equipped and manned by the navy.

The account [illegible] as stating a report that the Coast Guard is soon to take over the German liner Normandie, which lies idle in New York harbor since the outbreak of the war.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—The rapidly developing axis threat to Britain's position astride the strategic Suez canal caused speculation today at diplomatic quarters on the possibility of U. S. navy patrol operations in the Indian ocean along the lines followed by shipments of lend-lease supplies that may be in sight for Egypt—the Gulf of Aden—Red Sea route.

The belief was expressed that such shipments were highly probable in view of the pressing British needs in the middle east, particularly after the admitted losses of equipment suffered in the expeditionary force in the battle of Greece.

Since the exchanging three weeks ago of the English ships which closed the Gulf of Aden and the Red sea to American shipping, there has been no direct report of German U. S. communication would be permitted to enter the military zone, the statement said that no decision had yet been made as to whether U. S. shipping would be permitted to Egypt, a British port. He made it plain that the question would be one for the British government to decide.

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Babson Analyzes Feelings And Sayings Of Americans

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Babson Park, Mass., May 1.—You can't judge the nation by statistics and Feeling are as behind as the Rear. I spent a great deal of time traveling throughout the country talking with people in all walks of life. I travel in day coaches as well as in Pullmans and talked with small-town officials and bankers as well as those of large cities. Here is what I now believe to be true.

Defense and Cost of Living.

Without question, aside from the effect of certain strikes in manufacturing centers, the program of production for defense purposes is reaching percent capacity limits. The construction of new production facilities, however, will enable the volume of business to expand enormously in months to come. Business activity as a whole already exceeds that of 1929 by some 8 per cent and the rise is by no means reaching a limit. Mayors and other municipal officials in many cities outside the normal defense areas are renewing their efforts to attract labor-supplying industries in an attempt to reduce relief loads. In a [illegible] considerable effort [illegible] conscientious and hard-working Washington.

The greatly increased business activity in most sections of the country has raised commodity prices 25 per cent, corporate profits 30 per cent, and produced an average 14% [illegible] In spite of the alert work of some of our best men, the cost of living has gone up 2 per cent [illegible] last year. My readers need not [illegible] increased wages, rising prices. The administration is watching the picture closely and will do everything possible to keep living costs down. Labor leaders as yet cannot give increased living costs as an honest excuse for wage raises.

Individual Spending.

The "[illegible]" business in Florida was off about 40 per cent this year, while California suffered as a result of consistent rains. Many men accustomed to a month or two off during the winter were this year chained to their desks in intense work. The southwest resort areas—notably in Arizona—had the best winter for many years. The same rains which hurt California brought out the desert flowers, bettered the

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Great Show Made Of Red Army Might

Soviet Defense Commissar Says Russia is Ready "To Offer an Annihilating Rebuff to Encroachment by Imperialists".

Moscow, May 1.—(AP)—A warning by Defense Commissar S. K. Timoshenko that Soviet Russia is ready "to make an annihilating rebuff to any encroachment by imperialists" ushered in a great display of the military might today as the communist party celebrated May Day in traditional fashion.

Timoshenko's warning was issued in a special order of the day addressing Russia's achievements during the past year and emphasizing steps taken to reorganize her armed forces "in the light of experience and modern warfare" at the behest of Joseph Stalin.

He declared that it is the Soviet government's intention to adhere to a peaceful policy, but asserted sternly that "the present international situation is pregnant with all kinds of surprises."

"In these conditions," Timoshenko said, "the Red army must keep its powder dry and be in constant mobilization and preparedness so that no 'accident' and no tricks of our foreign enemies can catch us unawares."

Timoshenko, who was named defense commissar a year ago and charged with the task of overhauling the army, called upon Soviet workers to labor ceaselessly to help "consolidate the defensive capacity of the country."

Moscow's great Red Square, as usual was the center of the nation-wide May Day demonstration.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FATAL TO SOLDIER

Lillington, May 1.—(AP)—Noah Franklin Bell, 23, of Raleigh and Elkin, was killed almost instantly early today when his car collided with another machine at the intersection of the Raleigh and Dunn highways near here.

Coroner J. M. McLean said Bell, a sergeant in the medical corps stationed at Fort Bragg, was returning to the fort from Raleigh. The coroner said Bell failed to halt at a stop sign, and that he died of death through his own negligence had been returning to his quarters.

Bell was a bus driver before going into the army, McLean added.

Occupants of the other car, who also were from Fort Bragg, were uninjured.

Navy Money Bill Passes

Measure Sent to White House Provides $1,515,000,000 To Speed Two-Ocean Fleet.

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—The Senate sent to the White House today a $3,415,521,550 naval appropriation bill containing $1,515,000,000 to speed the construction of 730 vessels of all type under way in the two-ocean fleet program.

Adopting a conference report previously approved by the House, the Senate provided for an expenditure of $493,500,000 on naval aviation, of which $360,512,000 would be available for payments on 7,429 planes now on order.

Included in the measure were funds to raise enlisted personnel of the Navy from 232,000 to 258,000, with 26,120 officers, as well as raising the enlisted strength of the Marine Corps to 50,506.

A total of $142,000,000 in cash and $300,000,000 in contract authority was provided by alterations and repairs to fighting ships, including the modernization of the aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga.

Congress wrote into the measure a limitation of 2 per cent on commissions payable on land purchase contracts. It also provided for the purchase of Argentine canned beef and other foreign products by the Navy where domestic articles of satisfactory quality could not be obtained at reasonable prices.