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## Byrd Back, Reports Axis Agents in Antarctica



Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd returns from the bottom of the world and reports that Germans and Japanese have been penetrating Antarctica. He recommended use of Deception Bay as a U. S. naval base in event of damage to the Panama Canal, forcing use of the Cape Hope route. Pictured aboard the flagship *North Star* as it arrived in Boston are (left to right) Dr. Paul A. Siple, Mrs. Siple, Admiral Byrd, Mrs. Wade and F. Alton Wade, chief scientist on the expedition.

## Senator Pepper Declares It Is Time For U. S. 'To Get Tough'

### Planes For China Urged

Florida Senator Recommends That U. S. and Britain Take Over New Bases.

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—Declaring that "it is time for the United States to get tough," Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, urged today that this nation, in cooperation with Great Britain, occupy Greenland, Iceland, the Azores, the Cape Verde and Canary islands, Singapore and Dakar, West Africa.

Pepper's "get tough" program also urged the construction of a fleet of "super bombers" in the Pacific to shut out the Japanese fleet in its lair, and that long-range bombers, manned by American pilots, be sent to China to help the Chinese fight the Japanese.

"A few bombers flown by American pilots wouldn't leave enough of Tokyo to build a bonfire," he commented.

The Florida senator, consistent administration supporter and early advocate of aid to Britain, said in a speech prepared for Senate delivery, "We must strike threats against us from their source. We have already beaten that from us. If we continue a policy of appeasement, the foe will not rest until our friends will not respect us."

Speaking of lend-lease cargoes, Pepper asserted that the country "should resolve that no power will keep us from getting the goods to Britain, and getting them there now."

It was up to military and naval experts to decide on the best method for guaranteeing safe delivery.

As for Hitler, Pepper was concerned. Pepper said that the United States should resist to him as it had to the Barbary Coast pirates in the early years of the last century, and to the gangsters of the Dillinger days.

The suggestion of bombers and "super bombers" for China was preceded by the assertion that the time had come to give some plain talk.

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### Black and White



Mrs. Olivia Strong is shown in New York with her twin babies, Eddie Ray Strong (left) and Lucy May, born last Sept. 5 at the Strong home in Hookerton, N. C. The Stronges are living in New York so scientists can study their albino boy.

### BROADER INCOME TAX BASE IS SUGGESTED

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers suggested today that Congress broaden the individual income tax base to reach more persons in low income brackets and also give consideration to a general sales tax.

A statement on behalf of the association was made by Livingston W. Houston, chairman of the organization's committee on government finance, to the House Ways and Means committee in connection with proposals to raise \$3,500,000,000 additional revenue.

The association also advocated "stringent economy in ordinary expenditures," increases in the normal taxes on individuals and corporations, and changes in the excess profits and other tax laws.

Dr. Weaver, not having been officially notified that he is "out," must therefore still be "in."

Governor Broughton, however, has been out of town a goodly part of the time since announcing that Price will be the next chairman and hasn't got round yet to relieving the REA head of the doubts of his exact position.

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### Boos Mark Ship Debate

Angry Words Signal Mounting Tension as Vote Nears on Administration Bill.

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—A chorus of boos and angry words signaled mounting tension of the legislators today as the house approached a vote on the bill to authorize the government to take over idle foreign ships in American ports.

Representative Ramspeck, Democrat, Georgia, was booed by many Republican members when he criticized Representative Short, Republican, Missouri, the preceding speaker, for what he said was the Missouri description of the American people as "helpless in the face of the German nation."

"Do you believe that?" asked Ramspeck.

Shouts of "no" came from the Democratic side.

"I believe the American people will fight for their rights," the Georgian declared vigorously. "This bill is one of the things we need to do it and we're going to pass it."

Short had denounced the legislation as "just another slap in the face of the American people."

While Hall was making his statement here, the Fifth district Democratic congressional executive committee was meeting at Reidsville to decide how the Democratic party's nominee is to be selected.

Hall has been a farmer all his life and never has run for public office. Besides being a member of the Board of Agriculture, he has been chairman of the Graham Production Credit Association.

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## Top Flight Defense Leaders Discuss Bomber Production

### IRAQ FIGHTING SPREADS WITH RAF BOMBINGS

Iraqi Military Positions Bombed by British Planes, as London Press Criticizes Government's Handling of Situation.

Cairo, May 6.—(AP)—Fighting in Iraq has spread, with British plane bombing Iraqi military positions at Dwanaya and other points at Al Falluja, the RAF middle east command announced today.

The war bulletin said that the four-day Iraq shelling of the British-held Habbaniyah airport, 60 miles west of Baghdad, had produced only "negligible" results.

Dwanaya is on the Euphrates river, about 130 miles below Baghdad, and Al Falluja is some 30 miles west of Baghdad, just below the British-held airbase of Dhibban.

Meanwhile, Turkey's offer to mediate the British-Iraq fight and Egypt's appeal to the Iraqis to seek terms peacefully were sidetracked today in "favor of a hard-hitting military campaign in the oil-rich middle east kingdom."

As Britain's land and air forces stepped up their efforts to subdue what the British termed the "Iraqi" regime of Premier Rashid Ali Al Ghalabi, some sections of the London press called for results and took a critical view of the government's handling of Iraq relations.

The Daily Herald described the diplomatic prelude to the outbreak of fighting last Friday in Iraq as "the latest example of inadequate British methods," and said there had been "either complacency or incompetence somewhere."

The Daily Mail asked if Britain's diplomatic representatives in Iraq had been "taken by surprise" and said members of parliament would

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### Eden Opens War Debate

London, May 6.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today told the house of commons today that the summer United States war materials reached the battlefield of Asia, Africa and Europe the sooner the war will end.

He expressed faith that Turkey would stand by Britain and he told Arab peoples, including the Iraqis, to beware of an axis victory.

During his review, which opened the government's statement in full dress debate on the conduct of the war, a heckling member interrupted Eden's reference to the United States aid with: "Let us do it ourselves."

Eden promptly retorted he was "presupposing maximum efforts of ourselves and the United States of America."

### Exports To Russia Halt

United States Bans Shipments of Defense Machinery or Equipment to Soviet.

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—The United States, it was learned authoritatively today, has halted all exports to Russia of machinery or equipment which can be utilized in defense production.

The policy was adopted, it was said, despite strenuous Soviet diplomatic efforts to obtain the necessary export permits and despite the fact that some of the machines involved had been ordered and paid for by the Russians several months ago.

During the past several months, Russia has been successful in obtaining licenses for the export of machine tools and some other manufacturing equipment previously ordered here. This was the result of negotiations between Constantin Omansky, the Soviet ambassador, and Undersecretary of State Welles.

Recent developments, however, were said to have made it inadvisable for the United States to permit the export of any machinery which can be used here in defense or British aid production.

In evidence of that, informed quarters reported the United States government recently took over a considerable quantity of machinery—some of which had been paid for by Russia and was awaiting shipment for use in construction of new air and naval bases in Panama, Puerto Rico and elsewhere in the Caribbean.

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### To Aid Britain



Prince Abdul Ilah

Seeking to regain the post he lost in the military coup of April 1, Amir Abdul Ilah, deposed Iraqi regent, is reported organizing an Arab army in Palestine to lead back into Iraq. He says he will help oust the present pro-Axis government there and restore friendly relations with Britain.

## FDR Calls Parley To Hear Arnold

Chief of Army Air Corps, Just Returned From Britain, Makes Report; Roosevelt Seek 500 Big Bombers Monthly.

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called on top flight leaders today to discuss steps in the production of big bombers.

He designated Major General James H. Hensley as an assistant to Henry L. Hopkins to handle much of the detailed work under the British act bill and in another step directed the secretary of Agriculture to set up a special division to handle the previously assigned to the agricultural division of the defense commission.

Mr. Roosevelt, who asked Secretary Stimson last night to obtain a substantial increase in heavy bomber production, "told me that up today by calling into conference along with Stimson, Secretaries Hall, Morgenthau and Knox, General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the Army, Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, Harry Hopkins, supervisor of the lend-lease program, and Major General H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army air corps.

Arnold has just returned from England and has made a preliminary oral report to Hopkins. Today's conference was to provide an opportunity, White House officials said, for Arnold to give a "full and complete report" to all members of what in some quarters had been called the "war cabinet."

The White House said a major purpose would be to consider the needs as outlined by Mr. Roosevelt in his letter to Stimson, of increasing the output of big bombers "with all possible speed." It was reported his goal is 500 heavy bombers a month.

Hopkins, it was said, has been virtually a clearing house on the lend-lease program, with representatives of governments seeking assistance coming to him with their requests. Barnes will go into the office of emergency management in the executive office of the President as executive officer of a new division of defense aid reports.

### DIRECTOR OF DRAFT WOULD EXEMPT MEN OVER 30 YEARS OLD

Pallidopolis, May 6.—(AP)—The national director of selective service wants to exempt U. S. draft procedure to exempt men over 30 years old.

"They are too settled after that age," declared General Lewis S. Brantley in recommending congressional action to give the President the right to defer by age classes.

"They are past their physical peak and other hard had to learn new skills. That had been our experience in the draft to date."

Among his other aims, those in the War Relocation Authority said there is a great deal more dependence than ever on land owning younger draftees and physical handicaps are more frequent.

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## Air Forces Trade Blows

RAF Bombs Rhineland, While Luftwaffe Spreads Destruction in Clydeside.

London, May 6.—(AP)—The RAF strewn bombs up and down Germany's industrial Rhineland last night, while the Luftwaffe churned up destruction and inflicted heavy casualties in Britain's sprawling Clydeside shipyards from Glasgow to the sea.

"A great weight" of incendiaries and high explosives—possibly including the new super bombs—were dumped on much-bombarded Mannheim, the air ministry announced.

Frankfurt-am-Main, various other industrial centers in the middle Rhine area, and Bielefeld, Chemnitz, and Leipzig, on the French coast and places in Norway were among reported targets of British raiders.

Intensed attacks said that while the Mannheim attack was on a large scale, it was below the proportions of 1940, high explosives on open objectives as Kiel and other German cities.

The Germans replied their fierce pounding of the Clydeside with night raids on other parts of England, Scotland and northern Ireland.

Today they made 17 and ran machine gunning attacks on Dover's harbor entrance. Three of the big bombs were dropped on Glasgow. Anti-aircraft batteries at "Hull's corner" drove up a tremendous plume and RAF fighters chased the Germans back across the channel. It was announced that the British staff was making a great effort to make the most of the situation.

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## Rising Livestock Prices Give Tar Heels New Chance

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

Raleigh, May 6.—Rising livestock prices are giving Tar Heel farmers a chance in this year on an opportunity that was presented to a lesser extent in 1940—an opportunity which figures on livestock and meat animals show they passed up.

Figures released by W. T. Wesson, junior statistician for the State Department of Agriculture, show that Tar Heel farmers slaughtered 6 per cent less cattle and calves and 3.3 per cent fewer hogs in 1940 than in 1939, although the average price of cattle and calves was higher last year than the year before. Prices for hogs were off.

Despite this higher average price, however, cash income of Tar Heels from meat animals of all sorts was far under the 1939 totals. Farmers received an estimated cash income from cattle and calves amounting to \$3,150,000 (eight per cent less than the 1939 cash income of \$3,516,000).

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## REA Board Meets This Week, Uncertain Of Who's Chairman

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

Raleigh, May 6.—The State Rural Electrification Authority will meet Thursday, at the call of David S. Weaver, acting chairman; but unless some light is thrown on the matter between now and then, it will meet with only a hazy notion of who's chairman.

That's because Dr. Weaver hasn't yet been able to find out from the Governor's office whether he has been formally and officially succeeded as a board member by Gwyn Price, or whether the gubernatorial announcement of late last week meant only that Price will be named to the board at some later date.

The theory is being accepted that

## Stock Prices Stage Rally

New York, May 6.—(AP)—The stock market joined commodities today in one of the year's fastest rallying spurts.

Paced by rails, oils, steels and specialties, share leaders bounded up as much as two or more points, many to new highs for the past several months.

Transfers were around 950,000 shares.

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## Cotton Closes 32-39 Higher

New York, May 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 1 to 3 higher.

Around midday, the list was up 6 to 14 points. May 11-33; October 11-94; January 11-92 and March 11-96.

Futures closed 32 to 39 points higher.

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## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness tonight; Wednesday clouds, scattered showers; continued warm.

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