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Officials Reported To Have Agreed On

New Draft Registration July 1

Italian Sailors Are Sentenced

Long Terms Meted Out By Meekins

Captain and Chief Engineer of Villarperosa Sentenced to Three Years Each; Eight Crewmen Sentenced to 18 Months Each.

Wilson, May 8.—(AP)—Judge I. M. Meekins this afternoon sentenced Captain Adriana M. Rossi and Chief Engineer Carlo Novelli, each to serve three years in Atlanta penitentiary and each of the eight crewmen of the Italian freighter Villarperosa to serve 18 months in the Atlanta penitentiary.

All the defendants appealed to United States circuit court and appeal bond was set at \$2,500 for each.

Wilson, May 8.—(AP)—A suggestion of sentencing of ten Italians captured in federal court here of charges—be deferred, said the United States District Attorney Charles E. Meekins, who has been made by Attorney General Robert Jackson in a telephone conversation drew a vigorous suggestion from the defense today.

Judge I. M. Meekins announced he would reserve his decision until this afternoon and indicated there was a possibility he might order a mistrial in the case of Captain Adriana M. Rossi and nine crewmembers of the Italian freighter Villarperosa who were found guilty by a jury yesterday of wrecking the ship.

Meekins told Judge Meekins that the attorney general had "suggested" that the passing of sentence be deferred for "a few days." Under questioning by defense attorneys, he said he might do this until Monday.

The court reconvened at 2 o'clock Assistant United States Attorney Meekins asked the court to impose a sentence of seven years on Captain Rossi and five years on each of the crewmembers.

Senator Bailey Says Report of Small Shipping Losses "Misinterpreted."

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, said today that Chairman Henry S. Land had testified that his maritime commission report on small losses of ships carrying American aid to England "had been misinterpreted."

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At Farewell Party for Hank



At a party tendered him in Detroit on the eve of his induction into the army, draftee Hank Greenberg (left), Detroit baseball star, is bid farewell by Joe DeMaggio, hard hitting Yankee outfielder. DeMaggio, married, has not been called.

Scott Opposes New Taxes On Tobacco

Fine Rains Over State

Raleigh, May 8.—(AP)—Rains which fell over large portions of North Carolina yesterday and last night did "a world of good" to crops, A. B. Harless of the State Department of Agriculture said today.

H. E. Kichline, head of the weather bureau here, said the rains appeared to be general over the central and eastern portions of the state. More than an inch fell at Hatteras, 9 at Wilmington, 34 here, and 87 at Greensboro. He had not received his reports from the west.

Harless stated the rain was a boon to strawberry farmers whose crop has been late because of cool, dry weather.

"You'll see the strawberry shipments pick up now," he added.

He said the rain also helped truck farming generally, and tobacco farmers in the southeastern section of the state who have just transplanted their crop.

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

Raleigh, May 8.—For several days prior to nomination of John Folger for Congress in the Fifth district it appeared probable that there would be no opposition to former Governor Clyde B. Hoey for North Carolina's Democratic national committeeman, but now that the district matter is settled it has become clear that the pro-Roosevelt elements of the party are quietly laying plans to offer stubborn opposition to the Shelby lawyer.

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Tobacco Growers Oppose Tax

Three Hundred Delegates from Tobacco-Producing States Jam House Ways and Means Committee Room; Lanier is Spokesman.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—Three hundred tobacco growers jammed the House Ways and Means committee room today to oppose a proposed increase in tobacco taxes, would smother them out for "unpaid" tax treatment.

A spokesman, J. C. Lanier, of Greenville, N. C., asked that levies be made on coffee, tea and golf balls before further increases are made in the taxes on cigarettes, manufactured tobacco and cigars. The farmers, he said, would be hardest hit by any new tobacco imposts.

Lanier, saying that he was a World War veteran, declared that the tobacco growers were "100 percent behind" the defense and efforts of which the proposed tobacco tax increases would be a part, but urged that all farmers of all commodities be treated alike.

With the backing of 20 House members from tobacco, Mr. Lanier urged that Congress reject the Treasury's proposal to boost the cigarette tax to eight cents per pack of 20 from the present six and one-half cents and the doubling of rates on cigars and manufactured tobacco. The cigar taxes range from 75 cents to \$12.50 per thousand and the manufactured tobacco levy is 18 cents per pound.

The present war, Lanier declared, (Continued on Page Eight)

More Ships Recommended

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The House naval committee recommended today to authorize the navy to acquire 36 additional fleet auxiliary vessels at a cost of approximately \$250,000,000.

The bill represented an increase of 33 ships beyond what the Navy requested when the legislation was introduced early in March.

Rear Admiral Samuel M. Robinson, chief of the bureau of ships, testified he had been instructed by Admiral Harold G. Stark, chief of Naval operations, to ask that the measure be amended to authorize acquisition of 50,000 tons of additional auxiliaries instead of the 200,000 tons originally requested. Robinson said rapid acquisition would be possible if the increase.

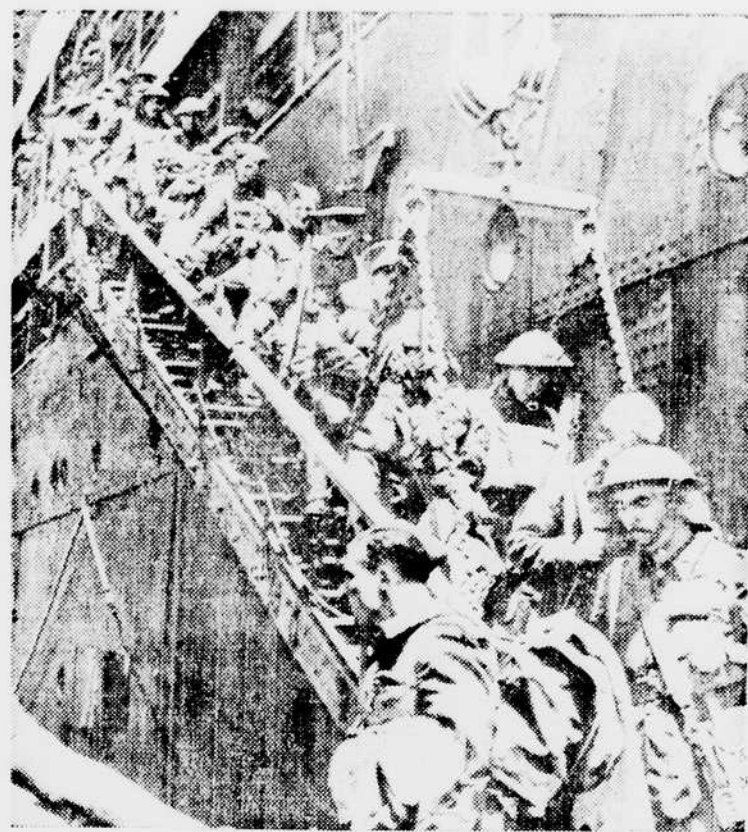
Rivers And Harbors Work Agreed Upon

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The House rivers and harbors committee has agreed upon a \$261,372,000 navigation improvement program to be carried out when expenditures "will not materially interfere" with national defense.

In addition, a tentative draft of the committee's annual river and harbor improvement bill would authorize Army engineers to make preliminary examinations and surveys of need for improvements in 153 rivers and harbors throughout the country. Included in the plans were: Inland waterway from Norfolk, (Continued on Page Four)

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and cooler tonight; Friday partly cloudy, not quite so warm.

BEF Out of Greece



Here are some of the British troops who got away from Hitler's Stukas in Greece. They are disembarking from a transport at an unidentified port after their evacuation. No sooner were they safely ashore than they prepared to face Axis troops in a new theater of war.

Britain's 'Transit Ports' Are Bombed

10,000 Yanks Fight Nazis

London, May 8.—(AP)—Robert Hutchinson, chairman of the American Eagle Club, estimated today that 10,000 Americans are fighting in the British and allied forces.

Hutchinson said most of these United States citizens enlisted in Canadian forces, but others, also were in the free French and even free Romanian units.

As chairman of the American Eagle Club, Hutchinson said he was in a position to give an accurate estimate of Americans in Britain. The club, which provides low cost meals and entertainment, is a rendezvous for many of them.

Hutchinson and his wife are leaving shortly for the United States.

Middle East Is Quiet

RAF Bombs Baghdad Airport and Scores Direct Hits on Magazine At Washash.

Cairo, May 8.—(AP)—British planes bombed the Baghdad airport yesterday and scored direct hits on a magazine at Washash, near the Iraqi capital, a British royal air force Middle East communique declared today.

Otherwise, Middle East general headquarters said, the Iraq situation, both at the British-held Haibaniyah airport and the port of Basra, remained quiet since the siege of Haibaniyah was broken two days ago. There is sporadic sniping at Haibaniyah, however.

An air communique said "violent explosions occurred" when bombs scored direct hits on the magazine. Other bombs, it said, hit military buildings and were dropped on grounded planes at Haibaniyah.

"Heavy and successful raid" against Baghdad and the axis-held airbases at Basra, Benina and Palma, repeated targets for the RAF since German and Italian forces launched their counter-offensive eastward into Egypt, also were reported. At Basra, bombs were said to have hit the central breakwaters and have struck near ships.

Direct hits on two merchant ships were claimed in an attack on an axis Mediterranean convoy.

Shipping Facilities Destroyed in Liverpool and Hull; Other Areas Attacked; Germans Report Many British Ships Sunk.

Berlin, May 8.—(AP)—Large bomber formations pounded the "transit ports" of Liverpool and Hull last night, destroying England's shipping facilities and setting huge fires in the harbor areas, and many other wide ranging attacks on the ports of Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bristol and Plymouth. The German high command said today.

Ships and bombers sank 41, 950 tons of shipping in the North Atlantic and near England, the daily communique said.

A bomber sank a 12,000 ton ship in English waters, it was said, when a convoy was attacked, and two other ships were damaged. The toll of U-boats in the Atlantic was put at 29,500 tons.

In addition, two transports were reported badly damaged when attacked by bombers in the harbor of Istanbul, North Africa.

German long range artillery, too, opened up on London, Bristol and the Irish coast and scores of houses were damaged. "Essential" services at Dover.

Nine British Spitfires were shot down yesterday during British attacks, it was declared.

But the only damage in Germany reported by the communique was in Bremen, where houses were admitted to have been damaged and a number of civilians killed and injured. Three of the attacking bombers were declared shot down.

Rhinebeck, N. Y., March 8.—(AP)—Captain John Gaffney of the state police said his men and secret service agents were investigating a report that two men had planted dynamite on President Roosevelt's Hyde Park, N. Y., estate with the intention of "setting it off if the United States went to war."

Gaffney said he believed "there was nothing to the story."

Later, after an investigation which included a check of the estate ward into Egypt, also were reported. At Basra, bombs were said to have hit the central breakwaters and have struck near ships. Direct hits on two merchant ships were claimed in an attack on an axis Mediterranean convoy.

Million Men Expected To Be Enrolled

Local Draft Boards Will be Headquarters for Listing Young Men Who Have Become 21 Years Old Since Last October.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—Army and selective service officials were reported today to have decided on July 1 as the date for registration of approximately 1,000,000 men who have become 21 years old since the first selective service enrollment last October.

The registration will take place at the headquarters of the 6,500 local draft boards now functioning, and authorities said it would be a "fairly simple job" compared with last fall, when 15,500,000 men, 21 to 35, were signed up for possible military training.

The date for the new registration will be formally fixed in a proclamation by President Roosevelt. Authorities indicated that the day tentatively agreed upon was chosen to give the new group of prospective military trainees time to learn whether they are apt to be called for service this fall so they can arrange their school or employment plans accordingly.

In official quarters here it was expected that a large proportion of them would be called for training within a few months after they are registered and classified as to availability for immediate service.

A decision apparently has yet to be reached on how the order numbers of the July registrants will be incorporated in the existing list of numbers assigned after the selective service lottery last October. Whatever the methods, the belief was that it would not hinder plans for drawing on the newly registered pool of additional manpower almost immediately.

Now that the initial group of trainees have been inducted to provide cadres of more mature men around which to build up the new army, it was learned that War department officials are considering shifting the emphasis to younger men.

One plan suggested under consideration would be for the War department to advise selective service headquarters, officially that hereafter it would take no men above a certain age. Some authorities were understood to favor 30 as the top age limit, while others prefer it as low as 26 years.

At selective service headquarters it was said that it would not be necessary to amend the law because it already permits this kind of trainee selection by age groups, provided it is officially requested by the War department of the President.

Mayer Gets Highest Pay

Managing Director of Loew's Tops Salary List of America's Executives.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—Louis B. Mayer kept top ranking as America's highest paid executive last year, receiving \$977,040 as managing director of production for Loew's Inc., motion picture company.

This was brought out today in a study of dozens of annual reports filed by large corporations with the securities commission.

Mayer's remuneration from Loew's was \$8,677 more than in the previous year. He had no close competition for the first place. The second highest on the pay list was Eugene G. Grace, with \$478,144 as president of Bethlehem Steel Corporation. George W. Hill received \$456,415 as president of the American Tobacco Company and appeared to be a safe third.

These figures do not represent America's largest incomes, however, since many persons who get only small salaries or no salaries at all have large incomes from investments.

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