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Hess Flight Remains Mystery

Senate Showdown Due On Convoys Question

Pepper For All-Out Protection

Capital Circles Wonder, Meanwhile, Just What Knox Meant in Saying "It is Very Possible That Convoys Are Not the Answer."

Washington, May 13.—(AP)—With a Senate showdown approaching on the convoy question, Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, urged today that the United States undertake to help assure the safe delivery of all supplies to Britain regardless of the country from which they were shipped.

But capital circles wondered just what Secretary Knox meant when he said: "It is very possible xxx that convoys are not the answer after all. Perhaps we have to develop a new defense to assure the arrival of our goods on the other side."

The statement was made by Knox in an extemporaneous speech to the American Society of Military Engineers after he had declared "we cannot not fight this battle xxx we are committed to all the support (to Britain) necessary to produce a victory."

A Senate test some time this week on the convoy issue was virtually assured yesterday when the Senate commerce committee gave 11 to 4 approval of the bill for requisitioning of foreign shipping now idle in domestic ports.

Once this bill is brought to the floor, Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, intends to offer an amendment which would prohibit the use of naval vessels for convoy duty.

There was much cloak room conversation, meanwhile, on President Roosevelt's decision to cancel his scheduled Wednesday night address before the heads of Latin American diplomatic missions. The White House announced late yesterday that Mr. Roosevelt would make a fireside chat to the nation instead on May 27.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, an opponent of administration foreign policy, told reporters:

"It, as reported in British newspapers, the President had intended to make a virtual declaration of war Wednesday night. I am glad that he reconsidered and cancelled his address. The cancellation apparently means that he is refusing to let the war mongers push him over the precipice of involvement at this time."

Farm Bill Approved

House Accepts Compromise Requiring Mandatory Loans of 85 Per Cent of Parity.

Washington, May 13.—(AP)—The House accepted today a compromise bill to require mandatory government loans of 85 per cent of parity on basic farm crops this year.

The legislation, which now goes to the Senate for expected quick approval, also would impose heavy penalties for marketing of crops in excess of quotas.

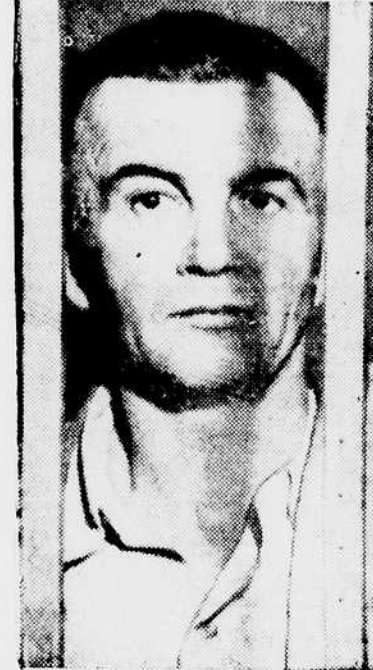
Chairman Fulmer, Democrat, South Carolina, of the House agriculture committee, said the new loan program—loans now can be made up to 75 per cent of parity—would cost the Treasury less than any other method of aiding the farmer.

Representative Hope, Republican, Kansas, told the House that the new legislation would make unnecessary the \$450,000,000 outright appropriation for parity payments approved by the Senate. The House voted for \$212,000,000.

The roll call vote on passage of the measure was announced as 275 to 83.

WICKARD SAYS SUPPLIES MUST REACH BRITAIN

German Alien Held



Frederick Reis C.P. Phonephoto Described as a German alien, Frederick Reis is shown behind the bars of a San Francisco jail. The police claim that when they arrested him for a traffic violation, they found in his possession blueprints for ship construction at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding plant in San Francisco. The FBI is investigating.

Sea Losses Are Lower

British Report April Losses Lowest in Eleven Months; Germany Again Bombed.

(By The Associated Press) The British found good news today in an admiralty announcement that British, allied and neutral merchant shipping losses in the "battle of the Atlantic" during April were the lowest in eleven months—a total of 391,070 tons.

Overnight, royal air force bombers driving the war home to Germany again smashed at the port city of Bremen and other points in the western reich while nazi air forces eased its assaults on the British Isles.

British mechanized troops have beaten back five small advancing columns of axis troops in the Salum area of the Egyptian frontier, British headquarters at Cairo announced.

The war bulletin said the axis forces were carrying out reconnaissance "in force" and advancing east.

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GERMAN LEADER SAYS ROOSEVELT 'MISSED THE BUS'

Berlin, May 13.—(AP)—Dr. Robert Ley, leader of the German labor front, advised "Fuer Daddy Roosevelt" today that he "missed the bus" and that, at the latest, in three years the part of Europe ruled by Germany would be working full blast for the reich.

"Then three hundred million Europeans of our continent with the powerful inexhaustible resources of their economy and work will face 130,000,000 Americans in the United States and 40,000,000 Englishmen in ruined and defeated England," Ley said in a newspaper article.

"Then we will see whether the Anglo-Saxons will overcome the lead of the Germans."

Secretary of Agriculture, Speaking at Raleigh to Carolinas Farmers, Does Not Mention Convoys Specifically.

Raleigh, May 13.—(AP)—Without specifically mentioning convoys, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard told 5,000 Carolinas farmers here today that the United States must make certain that vital food and war machines reached Britain safely and "on time."

"If the United States acts quickly enough and effectively against the striking force of this country and of the British empire can check Hitler," Wickard asserted. "If we are too late, the striking force of the rest of the world under Hitler domination is likely to convoy us."

The southern farmer's principal contribution to the British cause, he said, would be the raising of enough food to feed his own family and livestock.

The secretary of Agriculture spoke at the annual joint meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association and the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange.

Declaring that American farmers stand ready to defend democracy, Wickard said "they are going to grow more of the things Great Britain needs."

"What will happen to the farmer after the war will depend entirely on who wins the war," he said, "and how well the farmer is prepared to cope with problems as serious as any that have confronted him."

U.S. May Train RAF Pilots

Washington, May 13.—(AP) Plans for the training of a hundred of British pilots in the United States were under discussion today between the War department and British embassy.

It finally approved, it was learned that American planes and pilots will be used to give primary training to possibly 2,000 men in classes to start in mid-summer.

The student pilots would be civilians, it was said, in compliance with the neutral status of the United States.

After receiving primary training in the United States, the plans contemplate sending the men to Great Britain for advance training.

State's 'Secondary' Roads Above Average For Nation

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

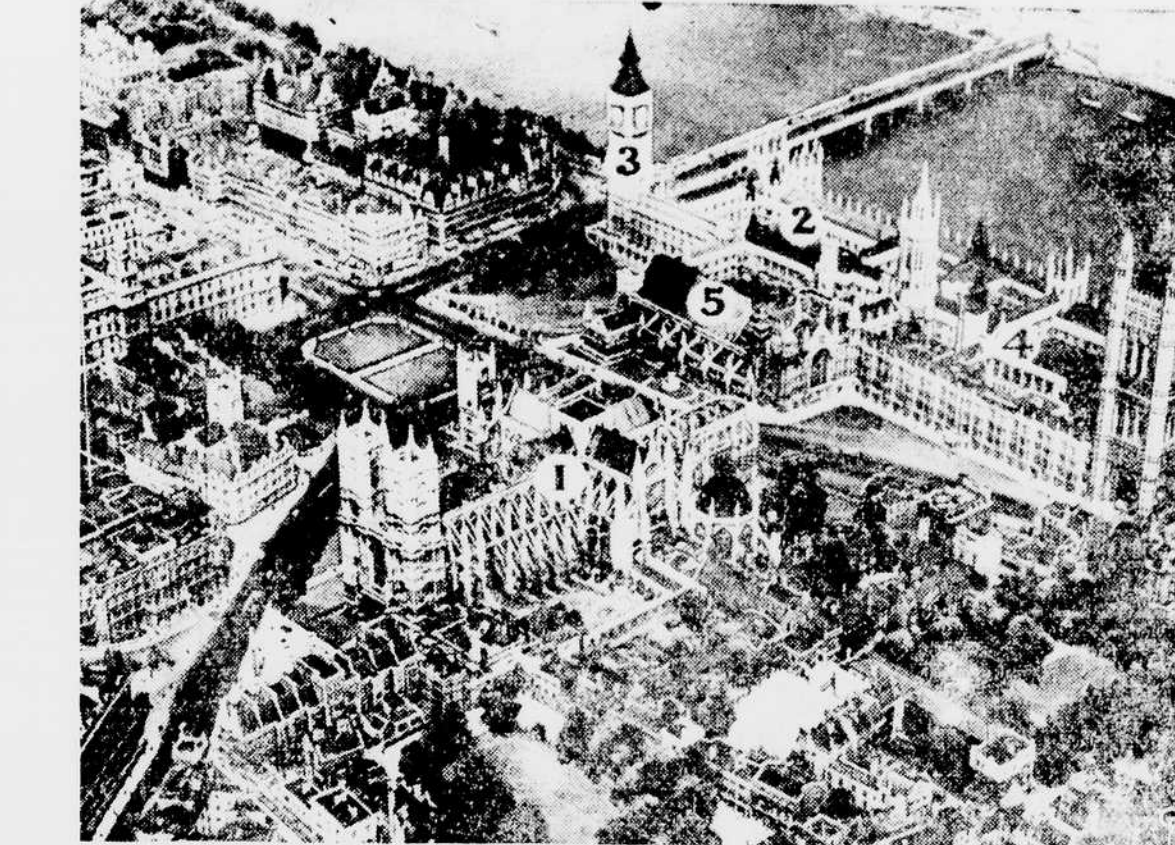
Raleigh, May 13.—There's no disputing the fact that it's easy enough to get stuck in the mud on any number of secondary roads in North Carolina, but statistics covering the "county and local" highways of all states indicate that, comparatively speaking, Tar Heels are better off in the matter of "surfaced" secondaries than the average state.

"Automobile Facts" from reports of the U. S. Public Roads administration, indicate that North Carolina's secondary roads are about 45 per cent surfaced, while for the country as a whole this percentage is about 33.

The figures, it is true, are the 1933—the latest year for which all comparable data were available—but it is unlikely that there has been a radical change in the situation since that time.

For the United States, figures showed there were, in all, 2,519,934 miles of county and local highways,

Nazi Bombs Blast Parliament and Westminster



Unleashing a fury of flame and high explosives, Nazi bombers blasted the heart of London, shown in this air-view, in an all-out revenge attack. The roof of Westminster Abbey (1) was smashed. Another bomb crashed into the main chamber of the House of Commons (2). The tower of Big Ben (3), with its world-famous clock, also was damaged. The House of Lords (4) was set afire, and the roof of Westminster Hall (5) was pierced.

Munitions Workers On Strike

Prison Floggings May Be Halted

Raleigh, May 13.—(AP)—Indications are that the flogging of prisoners in North Carolina will be halted or greatly curtailed during the administration of Governor J. M. Broughton.

The two key men in the new prison administrative set-up—Hubert Chairman Ben Prince and Penal Director Oscar Pitts—both have expressed themselves as opposed to whippings. There have been no floggings since May 1, when the new highway commission took office.

Actual floggings of prisoners in whippings will be halted must be made by the highway commission.

Pitts said that while he was opposed to the practice of flogging prisoners he would not recommend the repeal of the present rules.

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JACKSONVILLE PUT IN HOUSING AREA

Washington, May 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt expressed today the intention of adding 30,000 acres to the list of designated areas in which homes are constructed under new federal housing authority act.

Designating the 30,000-acre parcels, he said, will allow 90 per cent mortgage insurance on homes and, if they choose, sell them without any down payment. Among the new areas was Jacksonville, N. C.

Florida Negro Is Lynched

Greene, Fla., May 13.—(AP)—A C. Williams, 22-year-old Negro, charged with assaulting a twelve-year-old white girl, was found shot to death today several hours after a mob of men seized him in a second lynching attempt when the first had failed.

"We found him on his back when he was shot," he had been dropped by a mob of men into his body," Sheriff M. P. Luten said.

No arrests have been made in the case and Sheriff Luten said "we have virtually no clues to work on."

Williams' body was found on a bridge over a creek five miles north of here.

The first lynching attempt came in the evening when four white men armed with pistols blocked Officer Dan Davis in a cell at the Gadsden county jail and took Williams with them. They left him for dead and seized him a second time while he was being taken to a hospital in an ambulance.

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Nazis Say No. 3 Man 'Deranged'

British Foreign Office Experts Question German Leader in Scottish Hospital; Nazi Party Rift Believed Indicated.

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler called all reich leaders and district leaders of the Nazi party together today as the British declared a rift in the Nazi party was evidenced by the dramatic 800-mile escape flight of Rudolf Hess from Germany to Scotland, where he surrendered as a prisoner of war.

The official Nazi party news service, in terse comment on Hitler's meeting with his leaders, said only that the group "gave the Fuehrer an impressive demonstration of determined will for victory."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill indicated, meanwhile, that Hess was talking—how much was not known—and that a British statement on his capture would be forthcoming soon.

British sources gave a hint, too, that Hess was fired on as he raced his fighter plane from Germany across the English Channel to a Scottish moorland. Ten machine gun bullet holes were found in the tail of the plane.

(By The Associated Press) German propaganda today described the melodramatic 800-mile escape flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland as the act of a man "mentally deranged because of physical illness," while elsewhere speculation arose that the Nazi deputy party leader might divulge information which would strike a serious blow at Adolf Hitler's war plans.

As British foreign office experts questioned Hess in a Scottish hospital, Minister of Information Alfred Duff Cooper told reeling Britons: "I can only say that his arrival here shows the first breach in the Nazi party that has occurred since Hitler murdered a huge bloc of his own followers on June 30, 1933."

Duff Cooper referred to the notorious "blood purge" in which Hess helped execute Hitler's orders.

Countering German assertions that Hess was mentally ill, the British pointed out that for a "mad man," he made a good job of flying the 800 miles from Augsburg, Germany, to Scotland and falling out when he failed to sight a landing place for his plane in the darkness.

An official Nazi party communiqué declared:

"Hess appears to have lived under the hallucination that he was still able to bring about an understanding between Germany and England through personal action with his old English acquaintances."

The British said that Hitler's long time friend and number two choice for the leadership in the event of Hitler's death had brought

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Fruits And Vegetables Wash Ashore

Montevideo, May 13.—(AP)—Great quantities of fruits and vegetables—in unopened crates—washed ashore along a 30-mile stretch of beach today as Coast Guardsmen and old sailing men were at a loss to explain the mystery.

The Coast Guard had no reports of a ship sinking, colliding or going aground.

Coast Guardsmen from Nag's Head Station immediately put to sea to search for any stricken vessel, and airplanes from Elizabeth City also were in the area.

Old timers expressed the belief that the crates could have gotten into the sea anywhere from two to 50 miles at sea and that they had been in the water for at least two days.

The Coast Guard and residents of the area were up at an early hour, salvaging the crates of oranges, lemons, carrots, potatoes and onions. The Coast Guard reported picking up 230 crates of the fruits and vegetables and estimated that between 300 and 500 crates had washed ashore along a 30-mile stretch.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair and continued cool tonight and Wednesday, except for scattered showers east portion this afternoon or tonight.

Extended weather forecast from 7:30 p. m. May 13 to 7:30 p. m. May 17: Temperatures much below normal, rising slowly to near normal by Saturday; little or no rain indicated.