

# German Forces Move Into Iraq

## Bevin Charges Hess With Duplicity

### Says Hitler Knew Fully Of Flight

British Labor Minister Hints Broadly Hess' Concern Was for German People As Result of Heavy German Casualties.

(By The Associated Press.)

British Labor Minister Ernest Bevin said today that he believed Nazi Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess flew to Scotland with the full knowledge of Adolf Hitler, but that he doubted Hess came "out of any sympathy for the British people."

In the first outspoken official comment on the bizarre episode, Bevin declared:

"From my point of view Herr Hess is a murderer."

"You can understand my feeling when I find you he was the man who collected an index card on every trade union leader in Germany and the social democrats, and when the time came, they were either sent to concentration camps or murdered."

Bevin hinted broadly that Hess' concern was for the German people—and the British—as a result of Nazi casualties in the Balkans and death and destruction wrought by RAF bombings on Germany itself.

In Berlin, Nazi sources said it was not expected that Reichsfuehrer Hitler would make a speech to the German people on the Hess affair.

Authoritative quarters in London speed the radio by declining to comment unofficially but deny—passed reports that the Nazi deputy-fuehrer, in accordance of Adolf Hitler's orders, flew to Britain as a self-constituted "apostle of peace."

The new twist further complicated the war's strangest story. These facts emerged:

1. A British radio spokesman first hinted broadly that Hess was divulging vital German military secrets by declaring he was talking and writing "words which will make the German high command sweat."

2. The Berlin radio subsequently insisted that Hess, suffering a "Mensch complex" flew to the Scottish estate of the Duke of Hamilton, an old friend, in the hope of bringing about an end to the war.

3. Informed British quarters then accepted this version—only to have it cast in doubt by high officials.

### 'Shenanigans' On Tax Bill Are Denied

Washington, May 15.—(AP)—Republican charges that there had been "shenanigans" and "secret conferences" between Democratic members of the House ways and means committee and the Treasury department on the \$3,500,000,000 new tax bill brought prompt denial today from Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina.

Representative Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, made the charge but Doughton told him: "If there are any conferences, the minority will be represented. There have been no shenanigans."

Knutson said there had been reports that Secretary Morgenthau gave a dinner to some of the "inside Democrats" on our committee for the purpose of "softening" them up on the proposed new tax levies.

At a press conference, Secretary Morgenthau declined to discuss what transpired at an evening conference with congressional leaders at his home this week.

There have been a number of very peculiar moves in the handling of this tax measure—secret moves that make one fear that this is no longer a democracy," Knutson said. "First, Secretary Morgenthau asked a few select committee members down to his office and after outlining to them his \$3,500,000,000 pledged them to secrecy. Later, Assistant Secretary Sullivan submitted the plan in secrecy to this committee but it leaked out. Before we began hearings, a pledge was extracted from the committee to raise the \$5,500,000,000 in new taxes, but the Treasury failed to acquaint us with the real situation."

### The Wife Hess Left Behind



Much speculation has been aroused as to the fate of the wife and infant son Rudolf Hess left behind when he escaped Germany by plane and parachuted to captivity in Scotland. The No. 3 Nazi is shown here with his wife, Ilse. Soon after landing, Hess showed his farmer-captor a snapshot. "That's my baby son," he said. "I saw him in Germany this morning. I don't know when I'll see him again."

(Central Press)

## U. S. Supplies Sent To French Colonies

### DISASTROUS FIRE AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, May 15.—(AP)—Philadelphia's most disastrous fire in a decade today destroyed the block-square Port Richmond lumber yard, half a dozen neighboring homes, and ate its way into the newly-rehabilitated Cramps shipyards before being brought under control.

Loss to the lumber yard alone was estimated by firemen at well over a million dollars.

Officials of the ship building company said the fire would not interfere with preparations under way to fill a \$120,000,000 contract for the Navy, included in the order are six cruisers.

### Reynolds Wins Vote

North Carolina Senator Recommended for Chairmanship of Important Committee.

Washington, May 15.—(AP)—Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, was recommended for chairmanship of the important Senate military affairs committee today after a closed session of the Senate Democratic steering committee.

Senators said the vote was 12 to 3 with Senators Glass, Democrat, Virginia, Guffey, Democrat, Pennsylvania, and Green, Democrat, Rhode Island, asking that they be recorded.

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### One Oil Tanker Has Arrived at Casablanca Another En Route; Further Shipments to Await Foreign Developments.

Washington, May 16.—(AP)—The United States, it was learned authoritatively today, has sent two shiploads of badly needed supplies to French North Africa, but further shipments are being withheld pending clarification of the colonies' role in the event of any closer "collaboration" between France and Germany.

At least one tanker laden with American oil and petroleum products has arrived in Casablanca, the colonies' only Atlantic port outside the combat zone, and another tanker is now en route, it was learned.

Diplomatic talks were reported underway here earlier this month, looking to a resumption of normal trade between the United States and Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, but the news that some supplies had been sent was the first indication that some agreement had been worked out.

Since the tankers cleared American ports, however, swiftly changing developments in the North African situation due to intensified German pressure on France for closer "collaboration" were said to delay the resumption of normal trade.

While there has been no official statement, it was made clear in informed quarters that if Germany secures direct or indirect control of the French African colonies, no more shipments would be allowed to leave American ports or to pass through

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## Interesting Fight Likely In Hoey-Reynolds Contest

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

Raleigh, May 15.—This Hoey-Reynolds affair, with the national committee seat for North Carolina as the prize, could be a nice, hot political battle of the type "Tar Heels" have had the pleasure of enjoying only once since the halcyon days of 1936 when Clyde Hoey, Ralph McDonald and Sandy Graham went about the state casting aspersions upon each other in no uncertain terms.

Since then the only really finish fight of big time caliber was the festive speakership race of 1939 in which Libby Ward ultimately proved (by two votes) that Durham is in the west.

Practically every other statewide campaign has been a dismal flop

## Churchill's Report On Hess Incident Awaits Proper Time

### Germans' Weekly Meat Rations Cut

Berlin, May 15.—(AP)—A 20 percent reduction in Germany's weekly meat ration, effective June 2, was announced today by the food distribution bureau.

Under the new decree the normal ration will be cut from 500 grams (one pound) a person to 400 grams weekly. Wvaters, whose rations will be correspondingly reduced, will be allowed 850 to 1,600 grams a week according to their type of labor.

A spokesman said the new quotas would continue through the summer "because Germans eat less meat in the summer and besides they have more vegetables."

Winter rations, the spokesman said, will be increased but allotments of other rations will be cut so that the fat allowance on the whole will remain unchanged.

He boasted that Germany now is producing 700,000 tons of butter annually, or twice the amount churned before 1933 and only 50,000 tons less than the United States.

## Petain Asks Full Support From French

Vichy, May 15.—(AP)—Chief of State Marshal Petain told the French people tonight "it is up to you to follow me without mental reservation" after he had informed them the German-French negotiations have fought "the pathway to the future."

Petain said, "I have approved the principle" of the meeting between Darlan and Hitler.

"For you, Frenchmen, the only thing is to follow me without mental reservation on the road of honor and in the national interest."

A few minutes before it was announced that the marshal would make his short, unexpected speech, the French re-established full censorship regarding all stories concerning negotiations between France and Germany.

The announcement said the action was taken in view of the discretionary responsibility allowed foreign correspondents in Berlin "for everything concerning French-German negotiations."

"It is normal that the same rules of courtesy be observed by foreign journalists accredited to Vichy," it said.

## Auto Workers Go On Strike

(By The Associated Press) The United Automobile Workers (CIO) union called a strike against three Hudson Motor Company plants in Detroit today and General Motors Corporation reported a walkout at four of its Flint, Mich., plants despite agreement to postpone a strike against GM until Friday.

Company officials estimated that upwards of 35,000 workers were idle.

From Washington, R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers, telegraphed members of his union to return to work on the afternoon shift if they had left their jobs, and to continue to work elsewhere until General Motors gives its answer.

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### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, scattered showers in mountains tonight; warmer Friday and in west and central portions tonight.

### Hess Asked for Him



The Duke of Hamilton

Indication that Rudolf Hess, No. 3 Nazi, had planned precisely where to land in Scotland after his flight from Germany was seen in his request, soon after parachuting to safety, "Take me to the Duke." He was on the estate of the Duke of Hamilton, formerly the Marquess of Clydesdale, so-called boxing peer who flew over Mt. Everest in 1931.

## Ship Bill Not Limited

### Senate Defeats Amendments to Prohibit President's Transferring Foreign Ships.

Washington, May 15.—(AP)—Despite arguments that it was authorizing "needless provocative acts of war," the Senate defeated today an effort to forbid the President to transfer from one belligerent nation to another any foreign vessels taken over under pending shipping legislation.

By a vote of 43 to 33, the chamber rejected an amendment by Senators Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, and Clark, Democrat, Missouri, which would have forbidden such transfers. A similar amendment previously had been defeated in the House.

Vandenberg argued that the provision would not impair the legislation and would prevent needless provocations to war.

Under the legislation, passage of which was expected by nightfall, the President could take over any or all of the 89-odd foreign flag vessels lying idle in American waters. Two of them are German and 28 are Italian.

Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, asserted today that a "tremendous and increasing volume" of letters to the White House was being received.

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## Babson Sees Army Fliers As Potential Peace Force

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Boston Park, Mass., May 15.—The Hess story reminds me of what I was told when in Belgium before the World War broke. I was standing in the public square at Brussels watching the soldiers kiss their wives and sweethearts goodbye as they left for the front. When I commented as to their earnestness, a man at my side remarked: "Yes, they are earnest, but they are only the infantry. Infantry will not count in this war. The war will be started and the war will be stopped by the fliers."

When great events are happening in Europe, or Africa, or on the seas, we are apt to forget that the world's fliers can be as potent in forcing peace as in waging war. Then the Hess incident brings us up with a sudden jerk, makes us rub our eyes and wonder.

Watch the Airplanes. Armies are helpless to desert except with the cooperation of their officers. Members of the navy can do little by themselves, but are dependent upon their commanders. Armies must be fed; battalions must be fueled; and even lone submarines are useless without torpedoes. The present system of warfare has been built up through the centuries under centralized control whereby the soldiers and sailors are more helpless pawns. The idea of a democratic

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## Nazi Planes Use Syrian Airfields

Hitler Apparently Fulfills Statement Made at End of Balkan Campaign That Only First Phase of Middle East War Was Over.

London, May 15.—(AP)—Germany has moved into Iraq by way of French-mandated Syria, using Syrian airfields for Luftwaffe stopovers, the British government announced today.

At the same time a prospect of the French mandate's involvement in the struggle over Iraq was cited in a declaration by Foreign Secretary Eden that "full authority" had been given to British forces to attack German planes in Syria.

Eden charged that the transit of German planes via Syria was "a clear breach" of the armistice agreement between Germany and France after that British ally was knocked out of the European war last June.

Iraq, scene of sporadic guerrilla fighting between native forces and the British since May 2, is one of the world's richest oil producers and a route to Britain's vital Suez canal.

Thus, apparently Adolf Hitler at last has gone to the aid of the Iraqi against the British fulfilling the German statement at the end of the Balkan campaign that only the first phase of the war in the Middle East was over.

Evidence that the Germans were ready or already had launched a new military offensive on the hot sands of Asia Minor came today from several sources—including a Cairo announcement of the Middle East command. Among them were:

1. A reliable source here said German planes were landing in French-mandated Syria en route to Iraq and would be bombed at the end of the Balkan campaign that only the first phase of the war in the Middle East was over.

2. Foreign Secretary Eden charged that the Vichy government apparently had granted transit rights to the German forces.

3. The German ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, who recently returned to Ankara after consultations in Germany, conferred at length with Turkish President Ismet Inonui today and bore him "friendly greetings" from Hitler.

(The German radio said the British had ordered all British women and children withdrawn from Palestine.)

## British Push In Ethiopia

Italians Reported Resisting "With Extreme Fury" In Amba Alaji Sector.

Rome, May 15.—(AP)—The Italian high command reported today that British forces were exerting increasing pressure on fascist troops in the mountains of Ethiopia, particularly in the Amba Alaji sector where the Italians were said to be resisting "with extreme fury."

Amba Alaji is the Italian stronghold in northern Ethiopia, it is being defended by troops under the command of the Duke of Aosta, who fell back to the sector after the British occupied Addis Ababa.

The British have reported that approximately 38,000 Italians are trapped at Amba Alaji with little hope of escape.

Ground operations on the north African front, the daily war bulletin said, were limited yesterday to artillery exchanges at British-held Tobruk and scouting activity east of Saluni, Egypt.

Italian planes were reported to have subjected the harbor and defense works at Tobruk to a series of bombardments during which a steamer was set afire.

Three British planes were shot down, the communique said, when Italian and German bombers attacked air bases at the British Mediterranean base of Malta.

British aircraft were reported to have attacked the axis at Derna, west of Tobruk.

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