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## Warfare In Iraq In New Phase

### Hemisphere Prepared To Act

#### Colonies Would Be Taken Over

United States and Other American Republics Have Complete Plans to Protect Peace and Security of Continent.

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—The 21 American republics prepared today to establish "provisional administration" over French colonies in the Americas, it was learned authoritatively. The forecast "close collaboration" between Germany and France should be projected into the western hemisphere.

Any decisive action, however, will be delayed, it was said, pending clarification of the decree of the Vichy government's cooperation in setting up the nazis' "new order" in Europe.

The United States and the other American nations are fully aware of the dangerous potentialities of a Nazi foothold on this side of the Atlantic, authoritative sources declared, and complete plans have been prepared to act whenever necessary to protect the peace and security of the American continent.

Viscount Halifax, the British ambassador, conferred late yesterday with Secretary Hull on new developments in the international situation arising from the Nazi-Vichy pact, including mention of the future status of French possessions in this hemisphere. Informed quarters said, however, that the Hull-Halifax discussions revolved around swiftly-paced developments in Syria.

Arrangements for establishing provisional administrations for French, British or Dutch possessions in the western hemisphere if their status were threatened by developments in the war were agreed upon at the inter-American conference in Havana.

#### Cotton Closes 2 To 5 Higher

New York, May 17.—(AP)—Cotton futures fluctuated nervously in narrow ranges today.

Volume was light, however, as operators seemed inclined to await further developments concerning farm loan legislation.

Futures closed 2 to 5 higher, middling spot 13.33n, up 4.

	Open	Close
July	12.94	12.92
October	15.07	13.06
December	13.15	13.13-15
January	13.17	13.14n
March	13.18	13.20
May	13.24	13.24n

#### Axis Again Holds Salum

Egyptian Frontier Post, Taken Thursday By British, Recaptured by Axis.

Berlin, May 17.—(AP)—German and Italian troops recaptured the Egyptian frontier post of Salum yesterday, informed sources reported today.

#### Young England Does His Bit



An important problem arising out of the necessity for British women engaging in the various services is being solved through use of creches and day nurseries. Children are given scientific care at 25 cents a day, of which the state pays one quarter. Here, a child, hardly more than an infant, makes his own bed. (Central Press)

#### Joint Secretary Plan Is Advocated

British Casualties Announced

London, May 17.—(AP)—German air raiders killed 6,065 civilians in attacks on the United Kingdom during April, the ministry of home security announced today.

Of the dead, 2,912 were men and 2,418 women; 680 were children under the age of 16 and 65 "unclassified." In addition to the total dead, 61 persons were listed missing and believed dead.

This was an increase over the total of 4,259 killed and 5,557 injured in March.

Including the 61 missing and believed dead, the new list raises Britain's air raid toll of civilians since June, 1940, when air raids began, to 35,756 killed and 47,856 injured.

#### Soft Coal Meet Called

New York, May 17.—(AP)—William H. Davis, vice chairman of the national defense mediation board, called a meeting for tonight of the negotiating committees of the southern soft coal operators and United Mine Workers of America because, he said, the board felt "some uneasiness" over the possibility of another stoppage in the bituminous industry.

"The mediation board is feeling some uneasiness about the situation and it has asked the parties to meet tonight for the purpose of stabilizing the situation," Davis said.

The meeting was called for 8:30 p. m. e. s. t. in Davis' office. He said it would be a closed session, might last no longer than a half-hour and that a statement would be issued at its conclusion.

#### MARVIN K. BLOUNT TO BE CANDIDATE

Greenville, May 17.—(AP)—For the first time in half a century, Pitt county will have a candidate for Congress in next year's Democratic primary in the person of Marvin K. Blount, a Greenville attorney and business man.

#### French Say U. S. Might Have Ruled

Official French News Agency Says British Suggestion Last June of British-French Union Involved U. S. Dominion.

Vichy, May 17.—(AP)—The second reference to France's relations with the United States in 16 hours appeared today in official French news agency dispatches which said this country, if it had followed a different course last June, might have been controlled by Washington.

The agency said there was talk of a British-American federation under United States leadership, and that if France had accepted British Prime Minister Churchill's proposal for a British-French union last June "she might today be run, not from London, but from Washington."

"We would end up as the citizens of a dominion twice removed," said the dispatch.

"The campaign waged in the United States to push the nation into the war and try to save England by extending the conflict throughout the world continues to spread," the dispatch continued.

A government statement said categorically that the question of German occupation of Dakar, French West Africa, was not even raised, in the interview last week-end between Adolf Hitler and Vice Premier Admiral Jean Darlan.

#### House Tax Group Glum

Committee Members Fear Public Resentment Against Levies, Stewart Says.

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist

Washington, May 17.—Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the House of representatives ways and means committee, keeps up his spirits reasonably well. A majority of his fellow-committeemen, however, look pretty glum. The representatives' ways and means committee has the

no of framing up the new tax bill and its members are strongly of the opinion that the country's voters aren't going to like the fierce increases that it is bound to embody. And when the voters don't like a piece of legislation, they are extremely apt to manifest their resentment on next election day, at the political expense of the lawmakers they consider responsible for it.

All members of the ways and means committee are worried, but the 15 Democrats, with the possible exception of Chairman Doughton, are worried most. The ten Republicans will be in a position to tell their constituents that, being in a minority, they couldn't help the coming tax boosts. The Democrats' only exercise will have to be that the boosts were unavoidable in the face of the present national and world-wide emergency. Of course, they try to assure themselves that the average voter is patriotic enough not to care what

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**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Cloudy, scattered showers in west and central portions tonight; Sunday partly cloudy, preceded by showers on coast, cooler Sunday and in west portion tonight.

#### Objectors Inducted Into Service



A group of conscientious objectors are signed into the Petapco State Forest labor camp, at Elk Ridge, Md., where they will serve a year at non-military labor service. Seated at the desk is Dr. Ernest Williams, director of the camp. The draftee must pay the Government \$50 a month, of which \$25.00 is refunded.

#### French Submarines Are Coveted Prize

Nazi Troops Embarked

New York, May 17.—(AP)—The British radio reported this afternoon a Rumanian broadcast to the effect that Germany had begun to transport infantry troops through the Bosphorus, bound presumably for Syria and Iraq.

The troops are leaving Rumanian Black Sea ports under a Colonial Scholz, the broadcast said. The colonel was quoted as making a ceremonious farewell to Rumanian Dictator Ion Antonescu.

Another London broadcast picked up here quoted a German radio report as saying that German officers already were leading Iraq troops.

#### Birmingham Heavily Hit

Berlin, May 17.—(AP)—The main weight of Nazi aerial raids on England were directed at Birmingham, which was bombed for three hours by more than 100 planes, the Germans said today.

The attack on the important English city was the heaviest since the attack on the city in 1940.

#### 18 Counties Have No Deaths From Traffic; State Total Up

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

Raleigh, May 17.—There have been no highway deaths at all in 18 North Carolina counties so far this year, but despite this cheering item, an average of three persons have met death in motor vehicle accidents every day since January 1, a comparison with only two a day during the first four months of 1940.

Exact figures are 349 killed during April 30, 1941, compared with 238 for the corresponding period in 1940. And this April's toll is only the preliminary count which is certain to be increased by belated reports.

#### Many Planes Make Attack On British

Bombing Activities Against British Taken to Indicate Axis Planes Already In Initial Phase of Air Offensive.

(By The Associated Press)

The war in Iraq appeared moving into a new and more ominous phase as an Iraq communique reported a smashing attack by many bombers on the British-held Campedebase Camp, and said a big battle was raging near Basra between British forces and Iraqi troops pushing toward the Persian Gulf.

Inasmuch as the British several days ago announced the practical annihilation of Iraq's weak air force by British squadrons, this first mention of important bombing activity against the British indicated axis planes not only had arrived in the British kingdom but were already in the initial phase of an air offensive against the British there.

This was further indicated by an official Italian dispatch revealing that Italian warplanes had arrived in Iraq via Syria. Movement of whole squadrons of German planes over the Syrian route to Iraq already had been reported this week, and the British yesterday announced RAF planes had attacked German bombers on Syrian airfields.

A British communique issued in Cairo today, however, said of the Iraq situation merely that "in both Basra and Haabanyah areas the situation remains quiet."

Turkey appeared determined to maintain a purely defensive attitude toward developments in the Middle East, but Soviet Russia loomed as an uncertain factor. The mystery of Moscow's real intentions was not clarified to any extent by a delayed dispatch from that capital revealing that Josef Stalin was transferring some of his most expert generals from the Far East to western commands.

Berlin commentators showed increasing annoyance over President Roosevelt's condemnation of Franco-German collaboration and his denunciation of the Nazi Red Sea blockade. Said a Nazi spokesman: "Let Pres-

#### Japs Ration Foodstuffs

Tokyo, May 17.—(AP)—In a move to counteract shortages of essential foodstuffs, the government has placed Japan's wheat, barley and rice crops under a system of control similar to that already in effect for rice.

There is under a strict ration control involving the use of tickets by purchases. In recent weeks it has been difficult, and some times impossible to buy bread in Tokyo.

Another current shortage in Tokyo is the dwindling cigarette supply.

#### RAF Raids Nazi Cities

London, May 17.—(AP)—RAF bombers concentrated a sharp attack last night on the Rhine industrial city of Cologne and also blasted factories at Boulogne on the German-occupied French coast, the British reported today.

At the same time the Germans gave England her heaviest air raid of the week, striking mainly at the Midlands and dropping bombs on other widely-separated areas.