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To Serve in Battle of Britain



Here are some of the many nurses leaving New York for England to serve at an American Red Cross hospital now under construction there. Shown in a Manhattan hotel preparing to sail, they are (left to right) Theodosia Hawley, Charlotte Raymond, Helen Johnson, Gertrude Madley and Elizabeth Phillips. (Central Press)

Recess Proposal Meets Objections

Anti-Convoys Senators Oppose Vacation for Congressmen, While Tax Problem May Help Keep Law Makers in Washington.

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Twin objections arose today against a summer recess for Congress.

Anti-convoys senators said they would demand that their colleagues stay on the job to keep an eye on turbulent world affairs.

House tax experts declared months would be required to complete legislative action on the administration's \$3,500,000,000 tax bill.

Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, an outspoken opponent of intervention, said he would oppose any suggestion that Congress quit for more than three days at a time for fear of developments that might bring this country nearer to war.

"We can't afford to go away and leave the convoy issue hanging in the air," Nye declared.

Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, also was understood to have told administration lieutenants that he could not agree to any lengthy recess.

On the other hand, Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, told reporters that if he had his way the convoy question would be solved quickly by employing the entire Navy, if necessary, to see that the goods were delivered to Britain.

With regard to the tax situation, Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina of the House ways and means committee made one of the most optimistic House forecasts when he expressed belief that it would be "at least a month from now before his committee finishes writing the measure."

That would be near the end of June.

CONDITIONS AROUND DEFENSE PROJECTS TERMED PRIMITIVE

Pinehurst, May 21.—(AP)—Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer, terming living conditions among construction workers around Army and Navy bases "primitive," said today that correction of such conditions should be "declared an emergency and funds made available immediately for medical, surgical, sewage, water, malaria and housing protection."

He spoke before a joint session of the State Board of Health and State Medical Society.

Election of officers of the society was set late in the day.

British Fail In Air Raid

Berlin, May 21.—(AP)—D.N.B., official German news agency, said a British air attack on Helgoland today failed, with most of the RAF's bombs dropping in the sea.



More Aerial Invaders Are Landed On Crete

Machinists Reject Appeals

West Coast Ship Strike Continued

Union Leader Declares He Will Lead Ship Builders Back to Work Today Through Picket Lines; Other Strike News.

(By The Associated Press.) Striking CIO and AFL machinists declined today to return to their jobs at eleven San Francisco shipyards, despite a personal appeal from California's governor, Culbert L. Olson, that they lay aside their grievances in the interest of patriotism.

The yards, where the strike has been in progress twelve days, hold \$500,000,000 worth of defense orders. John Frey, head of the metal trades department of the AFL, declared that regardless of the machinists' position, he and other AFL leaders would lead 15,000 shipbuilders back to work today—"and God help the man who tries to stop me."

Governor Olson appealed to the strikers at a meeting last night, but they rejected his resume-work proposal by a vote of 3,200 to 325.

The Bethlehem Shipbuilding Yard declined yesterday to agree to a closed shop, and the machinists said they would not return to work until Bethlehem signed a contract.

Continuing negotiations for adjustment of a wage dispute in the nation's soft coal fields, northern operators agreed with the CIO United Mine Workers on a new two-year contract calling for a basic wage of \$7 a day. This represents a boost of \$1 a day in the northern area, but southern operators have not yet agreed to the increase, which would amount to \$1.30 in their mines. The national defense mediation board arranged to confer with the southern operators and union representatives in Washington Friday.

Direct negotiations between the southern operators and the union were broken off in New York this morning amid an outburst of name-calling by both sides.

RAF BOMBERS SMASH AT GERMANY'S BASES

Cairo, May 21.—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the RAF smashed last night at the Greek mainland bases of the German air invasion of Crete, but detailed results are not yet available, the RAF Middle East command reported today.

The Germans were reported to have made their first raid on the British air base at Habbaniyah, Iraq, yesterday afternoon. At dawn, the British saw the RAF had heavily bombed the Iraq airbase at Raed, doing "considerable damage."

Damage from German raid was minimized.

Trade Barriers Denounced As Destructive Of Business

many control officials are content to permit enactment of laws that are not only difficult to enforce, but also deny rights of orderly pursuit of industry in other states. Trade barriers are not only economically unsound, they constitute one of the greatest menaces to the business morale of the nation."

Getting down to cases, he described how a group of North Carolina truck growers paid a recent visit to Commissioner Scott with the complaint that a certain state was taking away their market for a certain vegetable. They readily admitted that they could not find disease or insect injury on this particular product, but they subtly asked the commissioner if he couldn't declare the product diseased or insect damaged to an extent that its saleability would be affected.

"Now what these concession seekers

are seeking is to have enacted from the Wilhelmstrasse and to have been handed to foreign ambassadors and ministers in Berlin.

FOREIGN ENVOYS MUST QUIT PARIS

Viehy, May 21.—(AP)—United States and other members of the foreign diplomatic corps received word today from their respective embassies and legations in Berlin that they would have to withdraw their representatives from Paris by June 10.

The order was said to have emanated from the Wilhelmstrasse and to have been handed to foreign ambassadors and ministers in Berlin.

Voluntary Registration May Be Asked

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—A plan for the voluntary registration of the millions of men above the present military age was reported under consideration today as Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia came here to direct the vast new civilian defense program.

Counting in more than 2,000,000 World War veterans, authorities said there were approximately 10,000,000 men in the age group 16 through 45. (The age limits for military service registrants are 21 through 35.)

Furthermore, they pointed out, there were 27,000,000 women between ages of 21 and 36 from whom additional millions of volunteers could be drawn, if the registration were extended to cover them.

A final decision on adoption of the voluntary registration plan, it was said, will rest with LaGuardia, to whom the President has delegated full authority for supervising the organization of civilian defenses. Such defenses include home guards, air raid warning and air raid defense services, and the numerous services connected with recreational and social projects for men in the Army.

U. S. Asks French Note

Only Written Assurance of France's Future Intentions Can Restore Harmony.

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The United States, it was learned authoritatively today, has made the equivalent of a diplomatic call on the Vichy government for a forthright declaration of France's future intentions in "collaborating" with Germany.

Viehy has been given to understand, it was said, that it cannot hope to restore Franco-American relations to harmony unless it is first prepared to supply full assurances in writing that France will hold rigidly to the terms of the June 1940 armistice in all subsequent dealings with the third Reich.

Secretary Hull's sternly worded explanation of U. S. views to French Ambassador Henry-Haye contained the diplomatic cue, informed sources asserted, that a formal note, putting France on record, was the only solution.

The uncertainty over French intentions meanwhile increased overnight with the news from Martinique that the French cruiser Emile Bertin and the aircraft carrier Beurn had been out to sea for what the commanding admiral called "routine exercises." The officer was quoted as saying that no real preparations for the ship's departure were being made.

BRITISH FORCES REPULSED IN IRAQ

Berlin, Lebanon, May 21.—(AP)—The Iraq general staff reported today that British forces in the Basra-Koatiba region of southern Iraq had been driven back in one sector after suffering "enormous" casualties.

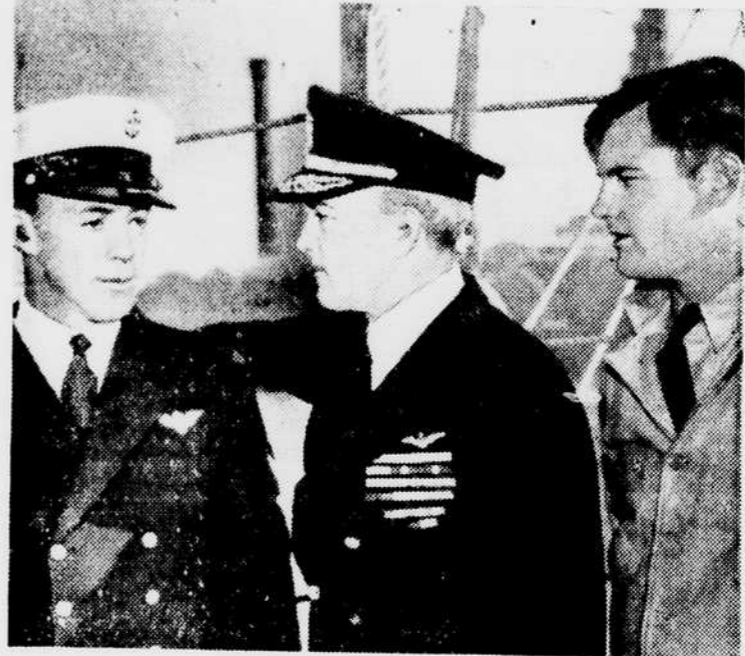
Heavy losses, the communique received from Baghdad asserted, also were inflicted on the British by Iraq troops which attacked positions at Habbaniyah, vital airbase on the western front.

The British said yesterday they had advanced eastward from Habbaniyah, crossed the Euphrates river and captured the town of Fallujah, 40 miles from Baghdad, without the loss of a single man.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and continued warm to night and Thursday.

Byrd Greets Antarctic Heroes



Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd (center) greets Ashley C. Snow (left) and Earl B. Pece, naval pilots and heroes of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, as they arrive in Boston on the barkentine Bear. Byrd said he would recommend them for citations for their rescue by plane of storm-stranded members of the expedition. (Central Press)

Nazis To Protect Military Secrets

French Will Scuttle Ships

London, May 21.—(AP)—The French admiralty has instructed masters of French merchantmen to scuttle their ships if intercepted by British warships, the British ministry of economic warfare declared today.

Duke Gets Naval ROTC

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Secretary Knox announced today that eight new Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps units will be established at eight colleges, in line with the Navy's program of increasing the university unit's enrollment from the present level of 4,055 to 7,200.

The schools of which courses will commence with the fall semester in June are: Duke University of Durham, N. C.; University of Colorado, Boulder; College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.; University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.; Rutgers University, Newark, N. J.; Rice Institute, Houston, Tex.; and Tufts College, Medford, Mass.

GERMANY WILL MAKE Sure American Ambulance Drivers Captured Aboard Zamzam Cannot Divulge Any Information.

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The State department was advised today that German naval authorities would permit American survivors from the sunken liner Zamzam to leave France.

The report came through Vichy, France, from Henry S. Waterman, American consul at Bordeaux, before he left for St. Jean de Luz, where the 140 Americans were taken by the Germans.

Waterman's report said that "German naval authorities have no objection to American survivors leaving via Spain, or Portugal."

Waterman said he was leaving Bordeaux immediately for the place where the Americans were held.

Nazis Gain Temporary Foothold

Battle for Greek Island Grows Fiercer as Thousands of New Troops Follow Invaders "Disposed of" By Allies Yesterday.

(By The Associated Press.) Thousands of German aerial invaders swarmed anew on the 100-mile long island of Crete today and a London radio broadcast indicated that Nazi parachute and glider troops have gained at least a temporary foothold on part of the island.

The British acknowledged that the battle for the strategic Greek island, Cairo, May 21.—(AP)—A detachment of German air-borne troops penetrated the outskirts of Crete's capital, in the aerial invasion started yesterday, but the attackers were "quickly surrounded and accounted for," the British Middle East command said today.

All the German invaders—reaching the Greek island by transport planes, gliders and parachutes—suffered yesterday what the allies communicate termed "serious losses."

legendary birthplace of Zeus, was growing fiercer.

A new host of 3,000 German sky troops were reported to have descended on the island during the night, after the entire first day's contingent of 1,500 was declared to have been captured or killed.

London dispatches said the Germans were still pouring in.

A British radio broadcast said "one or two" German naval transports may also have got through, but the announcer asserted that "there is no lack of control of very large areas of the island, although parachute troops may be fighting in groups at various points."

The announcer said there was reason to believe that large numbers of Germans were captured alive.

"The situation is well in hand," the British said tersely.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill said the Germans in a single operation dropped 3,000 parachute and glider troops in the Suda Bay area—site of a main British naval base.

The Nazi attack there struck at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, he said and within two hours "the greater part of these had been accounted for."

Churchill warned, however, that the fighting must be expected to continue with "increasing severity."

In Berlin, a Nazi spokesman said German air-borne troops which landed yesterday had occupied several points of tactical importance.

Violent assaults by the Nazi Luftwaffe on allied defense positions prevented the mass landing of parachutists.

KREBS WILL TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE GROUP

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—A House subcommittee investigating an American activities announced today that it had subpoenaed Richard Krebs—the "Jan Valtin" who wrote a best seller describing his experiences as a German communist.

Committee officials said Krebs would testify later this week about subversive activities in this country. The witness is facing deportation for having entered this country illegally.

More Planes For Navy

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—Secretary Knox disclosed today the Navy's air force had received a net reinforcement of 1,304 planes during the last year.

Reporting on expansion of the air branch, Knox said that on May 1 the Navy had 3,476 planes of all types in service, compared with 2,172 one year earlier.

Deliveries have speeded up materially this spring, Knox told his press conference, and since January 1, 996 planes had been delivered, contrasted with only 79 in the same period last year.