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## BRITISH REPAY NAZIS FOR HOOD SINKING

### FDR Asks Congress For More Planes

#### Request Made On Eve Of Address

**\$3,319,000,000 Appropriation Asked for Planes for Army and Navy; President To Extend Radio Fireside Chat by 15 Minutes.**

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—In the midst of preparing a momentous pronouncement on governmental policy, President Roosevelt asked Congress today for \$3,319,000,000 in appropriations for more airplanes.

Shortly after, presidential correspondence reported that the Chief Executive would extend his fire-side chat an extra 15 minutes and broadcast it.

"I think you can say that by Wednesday morning there can be no longer any doubt as to what the national policy of this government is. I think I'll just stand on that."

Early announced that the request for more funds for planes was made in a letter to Capitol Hill in a letter to Speaker Rayburn.

The total, \$2,720,000,000 would be for the Army and \$229,000,000 for the Navy.

Early declined to estimate the number of planes to be ordered with the money or to say whether bombs would be emphasized.

He would go into any detail on the possible content of the Presidential address tonight, he said, because that it had been cut and revised over and over and over and until it had reached a point where it could not vary will be put into the original 20 minutes in which it was scheduled.

#### Naval Fund Is Approved

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Legislation authorizing \$311,114,000 expansion of naval shore facilities and training on the Navy to report in the next few days on the desirability of storing fuel and aviation supplies under ground was approved today by the House naval affairs committee.

Part of the bill was one of \$14,000,000 for construction of a Marine aviation base on the Neuse river in North Carolina near the Marine Corps' new training center.

#### GERMANS SURPRISE BRITISH GARRISON

London, May 27.—(AP)—German troops carrying out a surprise attack on a British garrison in Egypt yesterday, near the Egyptian frontier, said the Egyptian frontier post of Sidi Barrani, official news agency said today.

Simultaneously, a German report in London was reported to have been approximately 20 miles into Egyptian territory in Egypt and to have returned with "important information."

#### Governor Hard To See

Many State Officials Find Difficulty in Making Appointments, Averill Says.

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

Raleigh, May 27.—The problem of "seeing the governor" is becoming a really serious one with many State officials, including department heads who, like the chief executive, are elected.

Perhaps the problem should be stated as "how to see the governor," because that's the true crux of the matter.

Incidentally and before any suggestion of personal pique is made, it

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#### Newark Goes Dark in Blackout Test



Under supervision of the Newark Defense Council and observed by military authorities and police representatives from many cities, Newark, N. J., stages a blackout. Top, is a view of the business section before the alarm sounded. Bottom, the only lights which show are those in the background, from highways and other points beyond the city limits.

#### French Note Is Assuring

Ambassador Delivers Note Declaring Fleet and Colonies Will Not Go to Hitler.

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—The French government gave renewed assurance in writing today to the United States that the French fleet and colonies would not be surrendered to Germany or any other power.

A note, containing a promise guaranteeing that the French fleet and colonies would not be surrendered to Germany or any other power, was delivered by the French ambassador, Gaston Henry Hays, to Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state.

The note, the ambassador told reporters, was drafted by him on instructions from the Vichy government. It was intended to remove any misunderstanding here on the scope of French-German collaboration.

The French note, apparently in conformity with a request last week by Secretary of State Hull that the Vichy government should define its position clearly in writing if it wished to convince the world that pro-Hitler elements were not in supreme control at Vichy.

Henry Hays declared to dispatch full details of the note, but he did not report.

"We hope that it will be a disappointment to those people who are trying to disturb Franco-American relations."

#### ROBESON COUNTY BONDS ARE SOLD

Raleigh, May 27.—(AP)—The local government commission today sold \$100,000 worth of Robeson county bonds for the construction and building bond to the Southern Investment Company of Charlotte and to R. S. Dickson & Co. of Charlotte and Raleigh.

The first \$92,000 maturities will pay 2 per cent interest and the remainder will pay 1-1/4 per cent and there is a premium of \$11.

#### STRIKES HINDER DEFENSE EFFORT

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—The Army estimated today that 2,423,216 man-days of work were lost through strikes in plants handling War department orders from January 1 to shop closing time last night.

Yesterday, it was estimated, 25,800 men were idle in labor disputes in plants handling Army contracts.

#### Crete Naval Loss Set At Six Ships

British Announce Two Cruisers and Four Destroyers Sunk by Germans, But Declare Efforts Balked to Land Troops.

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#### Nazis Deny Any Threat To Latins

Berlin, May 27.—(AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull's comment that German Grand Admiral Erich Raeder's statement Sunday implied a threat to South American countries as well as the United States "can not be understood here," an authorized commentator said today.

"We certainly are not aware that any South American country conducts or plans so-called neutrality patrols or considers conveying war materials," the spokesman said.

"No South American country was meant and it was not necessary for the admiral to direct any such remarks to Latin American nations."

#### Krebs Tells About Reds

Author Says Communists Obstruct Shipments of Supplies to Great Britain.

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Richard Krebs, German author and former communist, told the House committee on un-American activities today that "communist organizations make all possible efforts to obstruct United States shipments of supplies to Great Britain."

Moscow holds the "whip hand," he asserted, because "no ship sails that does not have aboard a communist unit."

Earlier, he told the committee that Tommy Ray, whom he identified as a communist leader, is the "real leader" of the national maritime union.

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#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and continued warm to night and Wednesday.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. May 27 to 7:30 p. m. May 31: South Atlantic States: Temperatures much above normal except near Carolan in Florida and in North Carolina on Saturday; scattered showers in North Carolina Friday, otherwise little or no rain.

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#### Hillman Accused Of Strike Aid

AFL Official Charges CPM Co-Director Had Part in "Stimulating" Strike at Vultee Aircraft Plant in California.

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—An American Publicity Campaign International (APCI) today accused the Secretary of the Communist Party, William Z. Foster, of having had a part in "stimulating" a strike at the Vultee Aircraft Manufacturing plant in California.

Foster, a co-director of the International Workers Order of America, said in the Communist Party's San Francisco office today that a representative of the Communist Party had interfered in the strike at the Vultee plant.

Senator Connors, Texas, asked who sent this representative and Foster replied that he had been told that the representative was sent by a "shop union" identified as a CIO group, at a time when the AFL was sponsoring a drive to expel communists from the plant.

Hillman, a co-director of the CIO, said he had no knowledge of the CIO.

Moscow, Sunday Telegram, Communist Moscow, proposed that the American Federation of Labor expel the International Workers Order of America from its ranks for approving a strike of workers which has had no effect in San Francisco shipyard in violation of an AFL agreement.

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#### SURVIVORS SAVED FROM SUNKEN SHIP

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—The Coast Guard and Navy reported today that 39 survivors of the British destroyer Marston, which was sunk by a German submarine in the Aegean Sea, had been rescued.

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#### Battleship Bismarck To Bottom



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Defense costs now averaging \$28,000,000 a day pushed the total to a new peacetime record with five weeks of the year remaining.

Reporting total costs of \$11,000,000,000 on May 24, the Treasury indicated that the fiscal year would end on June 29 with a total close to the \$13,000,000,000 predicted by President Roosevelt in his January budget estimate.

Nearly half of the total costs were for defense. The Army, Navy and other defense agencies spent \$5,085,910,124.

Meanwhile, the defense savings campaign was making large daily additions to the federal debt, which is now at a record high of \$47,641,673,144.

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She carries eight 8-inch guns, twelve 4.2-inch anti-aircraft guns and twelve 37 millimeter anti-aircraft guns. Her speed is 32 knots, her complement about 830 men. She was completed only a few months ago.

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