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BRITAIN BLOCKADES SYRIA AND LEBANON

Strike Called In Plane Plant

CIO Union Defies U. S. Mediators

Nine Thousand Aircraft Workers Stop Work at Inglewood, Cal., Despite Conference Underway in Washington.

The second sudden blow at prestige of the national defense mediation board was delivered today—a call for 9,000 CIO aircraft workers to put down tools in the North American Aviation plant at Inglewood, Cal.

The head of the CIO's United Automobile Workers union at the plant called the board "stalling the workers." Management and union officials were still in Washington, summoned by the board in an attempt to compose the dispute. The plant makes warplanes for the United States and Britain.

The union placed its pickets 15 minutes before the night shift quit at 3 a. m., and said CIO men would not report at 7 a. m. with the day crew.

Company officials, preparing to use AFL help to keep up production on \$126,000,000 in defense orders, simultaneously said in a statement they were "surprised and shocked" at the strike call "while negotiations are still in progress before the national defense mediation board."

The statement said an agreement "fratified by the union membership on Saturday" declared that "no stoppage of work or interference in any way with production" would take place while the dispute was before the board. In exchange, it was said, the corporation agreed to make any terms arrived at retroactive to May 1.

The company reported it would find itself available for negotiations at any time of the board "in an effort to reach an amicable settlement without stoppage of production in a plant so vital to national defense."

This new walkout decision was announced only a few hours after the board had been roundly denounced by O. M. Orton, president of 12,000 striking CIO lumber workers in the Pacific northwest. Orton accompanied the denunciation with a flat refusal to abide by the board's public recommendation for settlement.

In a statement, the strike action was said to be "an essential ingredient of national defense, coal and aluminum, faced the board."

N. G. BARTLETT DIES AT KINSTON
Kinston, June 5.—(AP)—Newell G. Bartlett, 55, for 19 years secretary-manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, died today in a hospital here.

Hull Warns France
Secretary of State Says Franco-German Collaboration "Inimical" to U. S. Rights.

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—Secretary Hull told France today that Franco-German collaboration was "inimical" to the rights of the United States and other nations.

In a statement, the secretary of State declared official reports indicated that the Vichy government had adopted a policy of collaboration with other powers "for the purpose of aggression and oppression."

What seemed a warning that French possessions in the western hemisphere might be taken over by the United States and other American nations, Hull said.

"We are therefore undertaking as speedily as possible to assemble every

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Open Campaign for Army Service Clubs



The United Service Organizations opens its campaign to raise \$10,000,000 to build service clubs near all army camps. Shown at the dinner in New York's Waldorf-Astoria, where the fund-raising campaign was formally opened, are, left to right, Maj. Gen. Irving Phillips, commanding the Second Corps Area, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Walter Hoving, president of the U. S. O., and Captain Frederick G. B. Pickle, of the 3rd Naval District.

Huge Fund For Army

Army Would Lower Age Three Soldiers House Group Passes Bill

Fort Bragg, June 5.—(AP)—Military police headquarters announced today that three Fort Bragg enlisted men met violent death last night and that two second lieutenants were being held in connection with one of the deaths, that of a soldier struck by an automobile.

The official report said Private First Class Sam Rogers, 25, of Pigeon Lake, S. C., had been struck and instantly killed by an automobile on a highway leading through the reservation, and that Second Lieutenant J. F. Lamb, Jr., of Princeton, Pa., and Second Lieutenant Dan S. Bitterman of Harrisburg, Pa., were being held as alleged occupants of the car, pending a further investigation.

Private Henry W. Bishop, 25, of the 79th Field Artillery, was said to have been fatally injured in a jump or fall from a room on the second floor of a military police headquarters, where he was being held on a minor charge. His home address was given as New York city.

The other victim of violent death was Private Blaney Grover Lee, a telephone operator in the signal corps who was reported to have been fatally killed by someone unidentified, just after he had left a dance near Dunn. Lee was a son of B. G. Lee, who lives near Dunn.

NORTH CAROLINA BONES ARE SOLD
Raleigh, June 5.—(AP)—North Carolina today sold \$800,000 in permanent improvement bonds.

The state will spend the money as follows: \$600,000 for a tuberculosis hospital at Wilson; \$90,000 for construction of an AANA office building on the N. C. State College campus; and \$275,000 to defray costs of improving buildings of the State hospital for the deaf at Morganton.

Babson Says Good Times Are Ahead For Farmers

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Babson Park, Mass., June 5.—The industrial and defense areas of the country have long occupied our attention. Now comes the turn of our rural areas. The outlook for farm communities is now seen more clearly than was possible at the time I made my annual business forecast on January 1, 1941. It will be a good year for farmers. Defense spending has been filtering through for several months past into the great agricultural areas. Large crops, the signing of the Fulmer parity bill by the President, continual government buying, and other factors, all fore-

cast better times in the wheat belt. What is Parity?
For the past twenty years, succeeding administrations have tried various ways to restore farm purchasing power to the level of the years 1909-1914. To bolster the latest attempt, the current farm bill provides to insure the farmer's crop for the prices which wheat, corn, cotton, rice, and tobacco brought in 1909-1914. Thus, farmers would be able temporarily to provide for their needs in keeping up with advancing living costs if market prices do not rise high enough to make cash sales

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British Move Near 'Zero Hour' Of New War Phase Near

London, June 5.—(AP)—The Canadian press tonight quoted reliable London sources as predicting an imminent and "far reaching" event in the Middle East and coupled this guarded statement with reports of Nazi troops arriving in strategic, French-mandated Syria.

Authoritative spokesmen, the Canadian press said, reiterated Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's recent declaration in the House of Commons that Britain would attack Germans wherever they are, and the news service's cautions added, it follows logically that the British could not permit Syria to fall under Nazi control.

(By The Associated Press.)
Great Britain clamped a blockade on French-ruled Syria and Lebanon today, declaring them "enemy-occupied territory" and potential springboards for Adolf Hitler's war machine to strike at Palestine, Cyprus and Egypt.

Petroleum Shortage Becomes More Acute

PARACHUTISTS MAY TAKE PART IN MANEUVERS

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—The Army's new parachute troops may get experience under simulated battle conditions this fall.

General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, in testimony made public today by the House appropriations committee, said tentative plans call for participation by the aerial troops in maneuvers this fall at Fort Bragg, N. C., Fort Jackson, S. C., and Fort Beauregard, La.

Parachute troops were organized after successes won by German air soldiers.

Re-Allocation of America's Maritime Tanker Fleet Appears Certain in Move to Cope With Approaching Scarcity of Oil.

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—Re-allocation of America's maritime tanker fleet appeared certain today in a quick government move to cope with the approaching oil shortage in the east.

Meanwhile, administration leaders sought to get a House vote on the legislation asked by President Roosevelt for expediting the immediate construction of oil pipelines.

Government officials did not indicate, however, to what degree they were hopeful of reducing the prospective security developing from the transfer of one-fifth of the domestic oil tanker fleet to British service.

It was problematical whether the two-fold attack on the emergency would remove the likelihood of such conservation measures as "gas-less Sundays" and lower temperatures in oil-heated homes next winter.

Informed sources pointed out that pipeline bills held no immediate promise of bettering the oil transportation situation, because new pipelines would require from twelve to 15 months to build. A re-allocation of tankers would help, they said, but the steadily increasing needs of defense industry might preempt much of this additional supply.

A committee of the oil industry advised Defense Petroleum Administration today that 18 tankers now lying between Gulf ports and Mexico and Caribbean ports could be put to more essential use, and that four or five more ships might be added.

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War Secretary Says Property Seizure Needed for National Defense.

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson said today that property seizure powers asked for by the President were needed to relieve machine tool, blankets, aluminum shortage and German patent controls on vital defense processes, and should not be delayed by way of "frivolous objections" in Congress.

Discussing the requisition bill at a press conference, Stimson also said he believed there would be no serious objection to imposing a two to four year time limit on the proposed powers.

He was willing to accept a time limit, the War department head said, if it would help "the feeling of those who believe they are putting the cramps on a would-be dictator."

Stimson said that the bill was one of the "most important" before Congress and "ought to be passed with as little delay as possible."

"On one side," he added, "we are being pounded for not going faster and on the other we are meeting friction and objections to the methods we ask to help us go faster."

Libyan Bases Attacked

Cairo, June 5.—(AP)—Heavy damage to Axis advance posts in the struggle for the Middle East was claimed by the British royal air force today in attacks on the Libyan port of Benghazi and Maritza airport on the Italian island of Rhodes.

Direct hits were scored on hangars, causing violent explosions, in the road Wednesday night on Maritza, the communiqué said, "and a number of bombs fell among deserted aircraft."

At Benghazi on the same night, it was said, heavy RAF bombers caused "considerable damage" on the waterfront of the axis-held North African base and touched off heavy explosions on and near the city's airport.

NAZIS RAID MANY AREAS IN ENGLAND

London, June 5.—(AP)—German planes, in widespread attacks over night, bombed the Midlands, Scotland and northwest England, East Anglia and London areas.

The government said casualties were not large and no extensive damage was done. It reported three German bombers were shot down during the night.

London experienced its 24th consecutive bombing night.

Army Camps Fund Favored

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—A \$196,757,632 program of construction and land acquisition at military posts during the year beginning July 1 was recommended today by the House appropriations committee.

This bill was proposed by the H. R. use group as part of a \$9,326,509,492 supply bill for the coming year's military functions of the War department. The construction items exceeded budget estimates by \$104,040,890.

It is in addition to large sums carried in previous bills for military posts, although much of the money heretofore provided will actually be spent during the new fiscal year. Among the construction projects were:

The London radio reported that "French-type" planes bombed the capital city of Amman, in British-mandated Transjordan, as a reprisal for the British bombing of gasoline stores at Beirut, Lebanon.

The radio said the attack supported belief that French-type planes were seen flying from Rhodes to Syria were manned by German pilots.

Turkey Anxious.
Turkey watched the crisis with mounting anxiety. Turkish Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoğlu was reported to have informed German Ambassador Franz von Papen of Turkey's concern over the asserted debarkation of German troops in Syria.

Saracoğlu told the Nazi envoy that Turkey was prepared to take additional security measures along her southeast frontier, facing Syria and Iraq, responsible sources in Ankara said.

The Turkish radio reported that 15,000 German troops had already slipped into Syria, many of them disguised as Jewish refugees, others disguised and limping like wounded soldiers home from the wars.

Nazis In Syria.
Under cover of darkness, the Germans were also reported landing on the Syrian coast from small fishing vessels.

Reuters, British news agency, said that a dozen or more Nazi planes—mostly fighters—were arriving daily in Syria and that 150 empty transport planes had arrived at Rayak airfield Monday.

With 500,000 troops in the Middle East under the command of General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, the British moved swiftly to counter the latest German thrust. Imperial troops stationed in Palestine, Iraq and Cyprus were said to have been heavily reinforced in the past few days.

France's role in the impending conflict was further highlighted by the unexpected arrival in Vichy of Governor Pierre Dussan of French West Africa, the "defender of Dakar" against an abortive attempt by General Charles de Gaulle's "free French" forces to seize that African coast town last September.

Diplomatic circles in Vichy meanwhile declared that Hitler was planning a Europe-Africa "league of nations," with France acting as a peace-making link with the Americas.

There was no confirmation of such a move elsewhere, however, and it appeared to be just another in a series of peace "trial balloons" set afloat by presumably axis-inspired sources.

Washington, June 5.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau disclosed today the Coast Guard was turning more than 3,000 of its sailors over to the Navy to man new Navy transports.

Morgenthau said at a press conference this transfer was the cause of an executive order signed by the President yesterday directing that an unspecified number of Coast Guardsmen should "operate as a part of the Navy."

The Treasury secretary estimated that 700 of the Coast Guardsmen would man the liner America, which the maritime commission requisitioned from the United States Lines last week and assigned to the Navy.