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Nazi Drive On Suez Expected

Winant Brings Home No Peace Offer

Roosevelt Cites Nazi Propaganda

President Tells Press Conference Official German Propaganda Agency Spread Talk of Britain's Seeking Peace.

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that Ambassador John G. Winant had brought from England not even "a tenth cousin of a peace offer," and added that German propaganda was responsible for peace talk.

The Chief Executive was asked at a press conference whether he cared to say that Winant had brought no peace terms and he authorized this direct quotation:

"Not even a tenth cousin of a peace offer or anything like that or any discussion of peace.

"Absolutely nothing like it, provided you use this not as a denial by the President but as an accusation by Germany."

Asked whom he was accusing, Mr. Roosevelt said persons being duped by Germany.

He volunteered the information that he had on his desk two orders which he said had been issued by the official German propaganda agency in Berlin to what he called "nazi and fascist" in this country.

The first order, Mr. Roosevelt said, had been to stress the idea that Germany had no thought of moving against any country of the entire western hemisphere.

The second, he said, ordered nazi and fascist sympathizers, as soon as Winant arrived back in the United States, to spread the story that he was bringing a scare-head story that Britain was about all in and was talking peace.

Mr. Roosevelt asserted further that it was an amazing coincidence that stories of the type recommended by Germany had appeared in a certain type of newspaper in the United States.

Told by a reporter that there was an impression being spread that Britain had said she could not last more than a few months without receiving American help, the Chief Executive declared that this never had been and unless it was by Berlin. It did not come, he added, from a reasonable source.

Dutch Reply Unfavorable

Netherlands East Indies Refuses Japanese Demands for War Materials Supply.

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, June 6.—(AP)—The Dutch delivered a generally unfavorable reply today to Japanese demands for a large share of the Indies export of such war materials as rubber, oil and tin, but the chief of the Japanese delegation indicated he was not prepared to break off negotiations summarily, as he had intimated beforehand he would do.

After receiving the ten-page Dutch memorandum in a 90-minute conference, Kenkichi Yoshizawa, chief of the Japanese delegation, said it was "disappointing" and he did not think Tokyo would find it satisfactory.

Although he had said previously that the negotiations were tending to a "precipice" with implications of danger to friendly relations unless the Dutch substantially bowed to Japanese wishes, he said today he would have to study the Dutch reply more closely.

Kenkichi Yoshizawa, commenting on the Dutch reply, said:

"The Dutch answer leaves room for clarification and interpretation but no further negotiation."

He said it was not impossible that Tokyo would "pull" him promptly, but meanwhile he intended to seek further clarifying comments from

Mrs. Vanderbilt Gives a Party—At \$20 a Couple



Opening the doors of her famous Fifth Avenue mansion to the public for the first time since it was built in 1881, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt gave a party, at \$20 a couple, for the benefit of the United Service Organizations. Left, the society leader is shown with her son, Cornelius, Jr., as they welcomed their guests. Right, Lady Decies, wearing the tiara she wore at King George's coronation, Frank Henderson and Mrs. George Washington Kavanaugh (l. to r.) are shown at their table. 1,500 attended the affair in New York.

FDR Plans Strike Action

Gayda Cites U. S. Strikes

Italian Editor Says Labor Trouble Marks First Phase of Civil War In America.

Rome, June 6.—(AP)—American strikes were held up today by Virginia Gayda, fascist's number one editorial commentator, as the first phase of civil war which, he said, would break national unity and threaten "the fortune and prosperity of the United States."

Gayda cited the new strike of the North American Aviation Corporation, saying it "retards, except in an order made by the government of the United States and Britain to the value of \$190,000,000."

He said 2,253,216 man working days had been lost in defense industries.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY AUDIT RECOMMENDED

Tarboro, June 6.—(AP)—The Edgecombe county grand jury recommended today "a complete, general, detailed county audit of all books, the audit to go back as far as possible, not to exceed \$7,500 a cost."

The action followed allegations by Joe Mallette of Tarboro, a citizen, of irregularities in some county offices.

The county commissioners have an audit made each year, but Mallette claimed this was a summary audit rather than a detailed one.

Gulley Letter Of Resignation May Be Opening Of Bitter Row

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

Raleigh, June 6.—The resignation of Herbert Gulley, Wake county henchman of Senator Josiah W. Bailey, was accomplished in a letter to Collector of Internal Revenue Charles Robertson which fairly burned the paper on which it was typed—but even more important than the bitterness and anger of an aroused soul is the implication that the letter is merely the opening gun of a campaign designed to oust the present collector.

Such an ouster, the letter tends to indicate, would be the only salvo for the Gulley feeling Nobody of the Gulley temperament and aggressiveness could have meant anything else than that he is determined to fight the matter through to its logical

France Says U. S. Does Not Understand

Vichy, June 6.—(AP)—An unofficial French note issued by the foreign office spokesman tonight in answer to U. S. Secretary of State Hull's declaration against French cooperation with Germany said Washington misunderstood France's needs in a difficult situation.

"The French government for its part wants to preserve friendly relations with the United States, but the federal government cannot understand that the first task of the French government, in the particularly difficult situation in which it finds itself, is to safeguard the vital interest of France," the note said.

"It is surprising to see the American secretary of state describe as a policy of aggression and oppression one which is directed against nobody and harms the interests of no other power."

GERMAN SUPPLY SHIPS ARE SUNK BY BRITISH NAVY

London, June 6.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that the royal navy had sunk three supply ships and an armed trawler intended to supply the German battleship Bismarck, and other Nazi warships.

The admiralty's communique said: "After recent operations against the Bismarck our forces encountered and sank three supply ships and an armed trawler. These ships were no doubt intended to supply the Bismarck and other vessels operating against our trade."

He said it was typical of 400 or 500 received from unions, since he had called for them to cooperate in defense production without stoppages.

When told there were two strikes by groups of Tobin's union, he said he was told by Tobin steps had been taken to end them.

From Pittsburgh came an announcement by Federal Conciliator John A. Mohr that a settlement was near in the six-day strike of 2200 truck drivers.

There were 52,300 defense workers reported on strike in defense industries yesterday by the War department, the largest number for any day this year.

In fact, it seems that this question of office personnel is the rock upon which Gulley and Robertson split. Chief storm center appears to be Mrs. Marietta C. Mann, whom Gulley termed in his letter a Robertson "pet."

In his letter of resignation Gulley said, among other things: "When you hear rumblings in the office from the ladies protesting discriminations against me by Mrs. Mann you promptly start on the warpath with

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Vichy Calls For Defense Of Syria

France Will Defend Possessions With Own Forces, Commander In Syria Declares; Hull's Statement Is Studied.

Vichy, June 6.—(AP)—The France of Marshal Petain called on its loyal forces for a "total defense of Syria" in a speech today, while pondering today Secretary Hull's declaration that cooperation with Germany would be considered utterly inimical to the best interests of other countries.

Official reaction to the American secretary of state's statement of yesterday did not immediately materialize, but Vichy officials for Africa, including General Maxime Weygand, participated in a cabinet meeting where it was supposed Hull's utterances were discussed.

Unofficially, the French insisted that collaboration with Germany was not, as Hull expressed fear it was, "for the purpose of aggression and oppression." Unofficial sources said the collaboration was purely economic and political to restore France to a normal place in a reorganized Europe after the war.

General Henri Dentz, commander in chief of the French forces in the Levant-Syria—calling on his men for an "unbending defense, denied anew in a broadcast last night that France was surrendering rule of Syria and that German forces were landing at Latakia, relieving French troops.

"The command is clear: defend our possessions and defend them with our own forces," he said.

NEGRO PAYS STATE IN LETHAL CHAMBER

Raleigh, June 6.—(AP)—Floyd J. W. B. 34-year-old Anson county Negro convicted of beating his wife to death with a stick of wood, was executed in Central Prison today.

He was pronounced dead after he had inhaled hydrocyanic fumes for 13 minutes and 50 seconds, in the white, triangular execution chamber at the prison.

Spanish Ship Saved Nazis From Bismarck

Madrid, June 6.—(AP)—Foreign minister Ramon Serrano Somo today announced that German Grand Admiral Erich Raeder had blamed Spain for the action of the cruiser Canarias in taking German seamen from the sea after the Bismarck was sunk.

"This was the first intimation that any of the Bismarck's men had been saved except for approximately 100 picked up by the British warships which destroyed the German battleship May 27."

It also was the first inkling that the 10,000-ton Spanish ship of war was anywhere in the vicinity of the sinking, 400 miles west of Boast, France.

Supporting the amendment were Senators Gurney, Democrat, North Dakota, who proposed it, and Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, Holman, Republican, Oregon, Thomas, Republican, Idaho, and Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, the latter voting by proxy.

Gurney said the effect of the legislation, as drafted, would be to permit the President to exercise his discretion to order the declassification of service of draftees as each reached his 28th birthday.

No provision was made, Gurney said, to excuse from service men over 27 years old who already have been inducted into the armed force, under the selective service act.

Senate Committee Favors Lowered Draft Age Limit

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—The Senate military affairs committee approved an amendment to the selective service act today authorizing the President to defer the induction into the Army of draftees who have reached their 28th birthday.

The committee adopted the provision by a 5 to 3 vote, over the opposition of Chairman Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, Senator Hill, Democrat, Alabama, the majority whip, and Senator Kilgore, Democrat, West Virginia.

Originally, the bill drafted by the selective service bureau would have given the President authority to defer service "at any age he deemed wise instead of fixing an age."

Bares Red Plans



Benjamin Gitlow

Former national secretary of the Communist Party, Benjamin Gitlow, tells the Rapp-Coudert committee in New York City that the party has planned an offensive in the U. S. to thwart the defense program and is working for the defeat of Britain. The committee is investigating Communist inroads into New York's educational system.

Gibraltar Attacked

Italian Planes Bombard British Stronghold; Malta Also Raided by Fascists.

Rome, June 6.—(AP)—Italian planes attacked the British stronghold of Gibraltar, which guards the western gate to the Mediterranean, last night and struck simultaneously at British airports on Malta, in the central Mediterranean, the high command reported today.

The bombardment of Gibraltar was the first to be officially announced by the axis command. The daily war bulletin, however, made no mention of the results in either attack.

British planes, in turn, bombed Benghazi and Derna, Libya, and bombed the Italian island of Rhodes, in the eastern Mediterranean, on Wednesday night, the high command said. One British plane was said to have been shot down in Africa.

In Atlantic land fighting, Italian forces were said to have repulsed a British attack in the Salam zone, while a group of British soldiers, commanded by an officer, who fled the island of Crete in a motorboat, were said to have been captured in the Bardia zone.

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ITALIAN AIRCRAFT BOMBED IN SYRIA

Cairo, June 6.—(AP)—British fighters attacked Italian aircraft on the airfields at Aleppo, in northern Syria, yesterday, destroying one aircraft by direct hits, the RAF Middle East command announced today.

Besides hitting planes on the landing field, today's war bulletin said, hits were registered on hangars and runways.

Columns of smoke arose from the asphalt runways, it added.

FDR Signs Ship Seizure Legislation

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation permitting the government to take over and operate the approximately 30 foreign ships now lying idle in American waters.

He immediately thereafter ordered the maritime commission to carry out the terms of the act.

Phoning through the order at a press conference, the President said it authorized the commission to:

Purchase, requisition, charter, or take over all foreign ships lying idle in waters of the United States, including those of the Philippines and Canal Zone.

Operate any of them in the service of the United States directly or through an agent.

Charter or lease any of them for foreign or coastwise service, but not to any belligerent government without Presidential approval.

Document the vessels under the laws of the United States or of a neutral nation of the western hemisphere.

Make just compensation to the owners.

Britain May Counter By Syrian Move

British Press Warns That Situation Is Now Grave, Demanding Decisive Action; German Troops Filter Into Syria.

London, June 6.—(AP)—Belief that the German army in preparation for a drive on Suez caused new concern today in Germany and Britain reflected the position in an impending battle for control of Syria.

There were indications that British troops might move into the strategically situated French mandate of any moment in an effort to gain the jump on the Nazis. Reliable sources declared the long-awaited showdown in the Middle East could not be long averted.

Reports of new German troop infiltrations into Syria brought warnings from the press that Britain's position was grave. There were increasing demands for decisive action to meet the situation.

(Authorized sources in Berlin said there are no German troops in Syria.)

(The German radio, quoting dispatches from Beirut, said British soldiers were preparing to land on the north Syrian coast and to attack from Palestine and Transjordan. The same source said a large portion of the British forces rescued from Crete had been landed at Cyprus, just off the Syrian coast.)

(NBC's correspondent in Ankara, Turkey, said in a broadcast last night that German troops were reported to have occupied Damascus, Syria, only six miles north of the frontier of British-occupied Transjordan.)

Coupled with these developments was an admittedly acute political situation caused by growing criticism of the government's military strategy and its efforts to step up production of munitions.

One political correspondent asserted that "the serious defeat in Crete has bitten deeply into the prestige of the British government" and added:

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Saturday, slightly warmer Saturday.

Extended weather forecast for period beginning 7:30 p. m. June 6 and ending 7:30 p. m. June 11: Temperatures near normal, moderately cooler beginning of period, followed by a reaction to warmer middle and cooler end of period; precipitation moderate North Carolina and mountain section, otherwise light showers late in period.

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