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Strike-Breaking Papers Ready

Defeated France Torn Between Two Faiths

Darlan And Weygand At Odds

Commander Of France's Colonial Forces Reported As Saying He Could Not Guarantee Attitude of Men in North Africa.

(By The Associated Press)

...one in an old ally and the other in a new one—the empire of defeated France was squeezed tighter today in the British-Axis vise.

Britain's main hope of clinging to her eastern Mediterranean bastions, her troops' emplacements in the Bible land, the naval strong points of Alexandria and Cyprus and the Suez canal itself seemed more and more to depend on the breach.

The British found hope today in a press dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, quoting a French diplomatic source as saying that Generalissimo Maxime Weygand, commander of France's colonial forces, could not guarantee the attitude of his men in North Africa if they were called on to fight the pro-British "free French" forces of General Charles de Gaulle.

Moreover, according to Exchange Telegraph, the British news agency which carried this report, its source said Weygand at his own insistence had been relieved of responsibility for the conduct of French troops in Syria.

These things, according to this report, transpired—presumably yesterday at Vichy—in a stormy meeting between Weygand and Vichy's anti-British, pro-collaboration vice-premier, Admiral Jean Darlan.

Commercial sources at Damascus said that Egypt's recent prohibition of trade with Syria—in accord with Britain's declaration that the French mandate is "enemy occupied"—had put Syria at the mercy of the British blockade.

The latter of the varied reports of German infiltrations was that eight German "pocket" submarines had been seen in the harbor of Beirut, Lebanon, in the past week.

This came from Ankara, Turkey, by way of Reuters, British news agency, and, if true, may indicate German plans to blast a sea pathway for troops' transports through British naval interference.

Vichy authorities, flatly denying reports that German troops are moving into Syria, one of two pathways to Suez, have called on loyal forces there for an unending defense of Syria against any British occupation attempt. If the British go in, as they have hinted they will, their ranks are likely to include free French forces now stationed in Palestine.

DUTCH ANSWER IS UNSATISFACTORY

Tokyo, June 7.—(AP)—The Netherlands East Indies' answer to Japanese trade proposals was delivered in Tokyo at noon today and was not satisfactory. Domei, official Japanese news agency, reported, quoting what it called responsible sources.

Two Killed In Crash

Wilson, June 7.—C. P. Meredith of Apopka Park, Fla., was burned to death, J. E. Little of Fairview, Fla., was instantly killed, and three other men were injured, one seriously, when two trucks collided at 6:30 o'clock this morning on U. S. Highway 301 about six miles south of Wilson.

The injured included W. C. Nobles of Fairview, Fla., reported to be in a critical condition, and Jake Shelton and Pete Johns, both of Meggett, S. C., less seriously hurt.

The trucks were driven by Meredith and Shelton. Both trucks burned following the crash.

U. S. 'Panzer' Chief



Maj. Gen. Magruder

Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder, commanding the First Armored Division, at Fort Knox, Ky., has held every rank in the army from buck private up. He is wearing the new type helmet, which affords greater protection than the old one. The American version of the panzer corps is ready to go into its first large-scale maneuvers.

(Central Press)

New Draft Quota Set

North Carolina Has New Net Quota of 34,643 Men; Calls Expected to be Heavy.

Raleigh, June 7.—(AP)—North Carolina's new net quota under the selective service program is 34,643 men, state selective service headquarters announced today.

Officials explained that the new "adjusted" quota had no expiration date, and likened it to a bank account against which the federal government may draw as men are needed.

The state's new gross quota is 69,894, from which the federal government subtracted the number of North Carolinians already in the service—35,161—in computing the net quota.

The state's first quota under the program was 15,631, which likewise had no expiration date but was expected to be filled by July 1.

Officials said that calls for men in July were expected to be heavy because it is easier to induct trainees during the summer and many of the present troops are away from the camps on maneuvers.

NO REQUIREMENT ON VANCE COUNTY FOR JUNE DRAFT

Raleigh, June 7.—(AP)—State selective service headquarters have announced quotas under which 400 Negroes are to be drafted into the Army for a year of military training on June 28 and 30.

Quotas for local boards include: June 28, Granville, 5; June 30, Wayne, 5.

(No requirements upon the Vance county board were included.)

Gasless Sundays Might Lower Deaths On Tar Heel Highways

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

Raleigh, June 7.—The silver lining to any cloud of gloom which gasless Sundays might cause in North Carolina is the notable and noticeable reduction in the highway death toll which would result.

Draft May Help Navy Man Fleet

Volunteer System Not Providing Sufficient Manpower to Supply Expanding Fleet and Shore Facilities, Reports Show.

Washington, June 7.—(AP)—The selective service system, which thus far has been supplying men for only military service, may be called upon soon to help the Navy man its fast growing fleet of auxiliary vessels and its numerous new shore bases.

Persons familiar with the Navy's current manpower needs said sea service aboard converted merchant craft as well as at naval establishments ashore was a probably assignment for some selectees of the future. Warships, however, generally have full complements and service for trainees aboard these craft was not considered likely.

Only a limited number of men would be taken through the selective service system, it was said. Only a few months ago Secretary Knox said

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British Bases Again Raided

Rome, June 7.—(AP)—Renewed air attacks on Malta and on the beleaguered British stronghold at Tobruk, Libya, were reported by the Italian high command today.

An attempted British attack from surrounded Tobruk was broken, the daily bulletin said.

In east Africa, fierce fighting was said to have taken place along the Omo river and in the Galla Siddamo region of Ethiopia, while a Sudanese attempt to encircle the Italian garrison on the Gondar front was said to have been repelled.

British Cross Omo River

Nairobi, Kenya Colony, June 7.—(AP)—British east and west African troops have crossed the Omo river, in southern Ethiopia, at two points, have taken 2,000 prisoners and have captured the town of Abadi and all Italian defenses in the region, British headquarters here announced today.

One force, advancing from the east toward Jimma, breasted the Omo at a point where it was 30 yards wide and flowed through a broad valley commanded on the Italian side by a steep escarpment a communique said.

The other force, advancing from Soddu, crossed the swift flowing, swollen river at a point where it was 100 yards wide.

In all, the division reported 299 fatal accidents in the four months, but the day on which four of them occurred was not stated.

These 299 accidents accounted for the death of 349 persons, or an excess of 50 in dead over accidents.

Of the fatalities, almost a third were killed by motor vehicles without being in one themselves. The pedestrian death roster reached 114. Only once did a car kill more than one at a time. There were 113 accidents in which pedestrians were victims.

The crash of motor car against motor car accounted for 71 deaths in 54 accidents; while almost the same number, 70, died when 56 cars in which they were riding ran off the road without having been in

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Their Strike Must End—"Or Else"



Strikers' CIO workmen are shown (above) outside of the plant of the North American Aviation Corporation at Inglewood, Cal., after company officials had issued instructions that no employees were to report for work pending instructions from the national defense mediation board in Washington. Today it was announced at the White House that President Roosevelt will sign orders Monday for the Army to take over the plant and operate it, unless the strikers agree among themselves to return to work Monday. President Roosevelt is said to be awaiting the outcome of a meeting of the CIO union at the plant tomorrow before putting the order into effect. The plant employs 11,237 workers, of whom the CIO claims 7,000 members, and has some \$196,000,000 in defense orders.

Propaganda Charge Denied

Tobacco Bloc Believes Tax Fight Won

Washington, June 7.—(AP)—Members of the tobacco bloc in Congress believe they have defeated a proposal to increase the cigarette tax, but they are keeping quiet about it.

They had their day before the House ways and means committee considering new tax legislation, and they believe the core of farmers who testified convinced the committee a higher tobacco levy would be detrimental to the farmer.

The farmers' argument was that increased taxes would reduce tobacco consumption with the grower, whose production is already drastically curtailed, shouldering the burden.

Now the attitude of the tobacco bloc "enough said is enough said," that there is no need to keep on fighting after the battle has been won.

It probably will be some time before the ways and means committee formally acts on the higher tobacco tax proposal, and before then other ways might be found to raise the additional fund proposed for tobacco.

Although they believe the fight is won, tobacco district congressmen are not asleep at the switch. They are keeping their eyes open and carefully following the proposal, being considered to substitute for the higher tobacco tax.

Sing Sing Athlete Dies

Valdese, N. C., June 7.—(AP)—Edwin (Alabama) Pitts, about 30, the greatest athlete that Sing Sing prison ever had, died here early today of knife wounds suffered in a roadside tavern a few hours earlier.

Desk Sergeant Frank Pons said that Newland Letovics of Morganton was being sought in connection with the killing.

Pitts, after his release from Sing Sing, where he served sentence on a burglary charge, was signed by the Washington Senators and sent to Albany, then in the International League. A brilliant fielder, he never did develop into a hitter and was released. Later he played with Winston-Salem in the Piedmont League and Charlotte and Valdese in the old outlaw North Carolina League.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy with showers in the mountains tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer tonight.

Battleship Is Launched

Camden, N. J., June 7.—(AP)—Uncle Sam's new 35,000-ton battleship, the South Dakota, was launched today as Secretary of Navy Knox declared the mission for which it was built "is not war but the prevention of war."

The huge battleship slid smoothly down the ways of the New York Shipbuilding Company yards at 12:20 p. m. today.

"We must establish the greatest sea power the world has ever seen," Knox said, "and with it an air force that will make us invincible."

Shortly afterward the keel of a 10,000-ton cruiser was laid on the ways located by the South Dakota.

SYRIA IS REPORTED ASKING MORE TROOPS

London, June 7.—(AP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation today quoted a dispatch from the free French news agency saying General Henri Dentz, high commissioner to the French mandate of Syria, has asked Vichy "to send more troops and all necessary German troops to take the place of those whose allegiance to Vichy is uncertain."

The report added that the general already has handed anti-aircraft stations in Syria to Germans who arrived as "tourists."

CALCUTT SEEKING TO ESCAPE PRISON

Raleigh, June 7.—(AP)—A petition asking a pardon or parole for Joe Calcutt, Fayetteville slot machine company operator scheduled to begin serving a one-year term July 20 for violating the anti-slot machine law, has been filed with the U. S. commission, an authoritative source said today.

A hearing into the petition has been set for next Friday morning.

Paul Reynaud Is Released

Vichy, June 7.—(AP)—Paul Reynaud, who was succeeded as premier of Vichy France by Marshal Petain just prior to the armistice with Germany, has been released from prison and allowed to return to his home in southeast France.

He is to be kept in forced residence at the estate which he was allowed to designate near Digne, in the Basses Alpes department.

Similar procedure has been followed in the cases of some other ministers charged with responsibility for the defeat of France.

Nazis Scoff At Reports

Berlin, June 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's statement that he had papers on his desk outlining the purpose of German propaganda in the United States was described by an authorized spokesman today as being "based on falsified documents or false information."

"We understand the President believes he had German propaganda orders directing German-friendly elements to spread stories that England is at the point of collapse and wants peace," a spokesman said.

"As a matter of fact, this story comes not from us but from English and American sources."

The spokesman then gave numerous quotations, which he attributed to Mr. Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, the late Lord Lothian, Maj. General H. H. Arnold of the U. S. Army air corps, and other prominent Americans and Britons to the effect that Britain would collapse if American aid were not immediately available.

"It is not our propaganda; it comes from the other side," the spokesman said.

Gravely Group Rewarded With State Appointments

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

Raleigh, June 7.—When Lee Gravely heaped on the straw which broke the back of Wilkins Horton's proposed second primary campaign last year, political observers made a note to watch for the political payoff they expected.

Now that Governor J. Melville Broughton has made enough appointments of one sort and another to give a clear idea of some of the reasons, at least, behind them, it becomes abundantly clear that the governor cannot be accused of not showing due and proper gratitude for the Gravely announcement that a second primary ought not to be held and that, if one should be, he would plump for Broughton, who led in the first polling by a wide margin.

The Gravely group has fared well in getting the gravy in large helpings, and there are some indications that its members have by no means taken their last lick at the patronage platter.

Major pieces of course, have been reserved for those who served for Broughton throughout Ben Princee for highway chairman; Fred Hunter and Harry Tucker for the utility commission; Gwyn Price for REA director; Oscar Pitts for prison division boss; Grady Johnson (albeit he didn't want it) for ABC chairman; and so on.

But there come to mind appointments enough which have gone to Gravely backers. The best paying of the lot is the burial association commissioner post, which went to Claude C. Abernathy, from the Gravely home county.

Then there are Josh Horne, publisher of the Rocky Mount Tele-

Plane Plant Strike Must Be Ended

President Roosevelt Will Sign Orders for Army to Take Over and Operate Plant Unless Strikers Return to Work Monday.

Washington, June 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt laid down today the alternative of re-opening of the strike-bound North American Aviation plant at Inglewood, Cal., by Monday, or operation of the business by the United States Army.

He acted, the White House said, as commander in chief under the proclaimed unlimited national emergency.

Unanimous cabinet approval of the course was disclosed by Stephen Early, White House press secretary, who announced that all necessary papers were ready for signature if the CIO strikers did not agree among themselves to return to work.

If signed, these papers would represent the first real crack-down taken by the administration since work stoppages affected the defense program.

At the war department, Secretary Stimson called in Undersecretary Robert P. Patterson, John J. McCloy, assistant secretary, and Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary of war for air. Another conference was launched at the Justice department, presumably to survey the legal aspects.

Mr. Roosevelt leaves today on a week-end cruise, returning tomorrow evening or Monday morning, and Early said that unless the workers have decided by then to return, he will sign the order directing the Army to take over.

The President has hopes, Early explained, that the unionists will settle the dispute peacefully, possibly at a meeting tomorrow.

At Inglewood, Richard T. Franklewood of the CIO said he would not comment until after an afternoon meeting of the union committee.

A War department spokesman said the Army was "prepared to take over and operate the plant if the President directs."

"An army officer will be detailed to operate the plant," he told reporters.

"Men who want to return to work will be able to do so without interference. Our hope is that the men who work in the plant normally will continue to work there. The Army will see that they are not interfered with."

The North American plant, which has Army and British orders of about \$196,000,000 for pursuit, bomber and training planes, was described as a "very, very vital" defense establishment.

It called, troops presumably would come from Army posts in the Los Angeles area, which include Fort MacArthur and March Field. Other troop concentrations are at Fort Ord and elsewhere in the north.

Early said the President's action was not a threat or a big stick to be held over the heads of the workers, because he hoped they would settle the dispute peacefully and in orderly fashion themselves.

Early said the President also had requested Harvey W. Brown, head of the International Machinists Union, to come to Washington and

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