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U. S. Ship Declared 'Torpedoed'

CIO Aluminum Workers On Strike

As Troops Took Over Struck Plane Plant



With fixed bayonets, steel-helmeted troops march on the North American Aviation plane plant in Inglewood, Cal., to seize the plant on direct orders from Washington. The people in foreground are mostly sight-seers who entered the troops. The pickets did not interfere with the soldiers.

Production Resumed At Inglewood

Detroit Aluminum Plant Tied Up By Strike; Consolidated Aircraft Workers Vote on Strike Call for Higher Wages.

(By The Associated Press) A second walkout by CIO union members in the aluminum industry today tied up six plants of the Inglewood and Brass Corporation at Detroit and Army officials hoped for near normal production in the troop-secured government commandeered North American Aviation Corporation warplane plant at Inglewood, Cal.

Another strike threat came at the Inglewood Consolidated Aircraft Corporation plant at San Diego, Cal., where union members voted all day on a strike call on demands for increased wages. Consolidated holds \$700,000,000 in military plane orders, as compared with North American's \$200,000,000.

Yesterday, CIO die casters called a strike which closed the Aluminum Company of America's plant at Cleveland.

About 4,000 members of the United Automobile Workers CIO walked out at the Bohm plant. The union asked a ten cents an hour increase in undisclosed wage scales.

A company official said the firm had \$25,000,000 worth of government contracts and that 85 per cent of production of the affected plant was in defense goods.

Secretary of War Stimson said at Washington that Army officers at North American reported the strike by the United Auto Workers CIO had been "broken wide open" after 3,500 steel helmeted soldiers with fixed bayonets took possession of the plant on command of President Roosevelt.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Stimpert reported 3,500 men had returned to work at North American by 7:30 a. m. as Army officers promised to start warplanes rolling at production lines today.

"And more workers are coming in," Colonel Stimpert added. "Everything is happily quiet."

Major J. H. Sanders of the United Automobile Workers local which called the strike last Thursday demanding a closed shop and wage increase, called a union meeting.

"They called the back-to-work movement a 'flap'."

Suspended by Union



Wyndham Mortimer

Suspension of Wyndham Mortimer, CIO official, by Richard T. Frankenstein, his superior, points to a rift in the West Coast ranks. Mortimer, three international organizers, and all local union officials were suspended for their activities in continuing the strike at the North American Aircraft Corp., at Inglewood, Cal.

Rescue Story Told

Captain Pereira Reports Saving Eleven Survivors of Sunken U. S. Steamer.

By WALDEMAR LUCIO PEREIRA, Captain of the Brazilian Steamer Osorio. Copyright 1941, by The Associated Press.

Aboard the S. S. Osorio, June 10.—(AP)—On June 8 at 9 o'clock in the evening in latitude 16 north and longitude 37 west I rescued eleven survivors in one lifeboat of the North American ship Robin Moor, which was torpedoed May 21 at the position latitude 6.15 north, longitude 23.30 west.

Their names are John J. Baniagan, Karl Nilson, Virgil Sanderson, William S. Cary, Peter Buss, Donald Schabliose, H. O. Rice, R. C. Gable, Antonio Santos, Hugh Murphy and P. C. Eccles. (AB but Eccles were crew members).

The saved members of the crew declared there were three more lifeboats with 28 members of the crew and seven passengers including three women and one child.

The commander of the Brazilian ship Tamandare, which I also requested to investigate, said about 11 p. m. yesterday he found pieces of baggage consisting of one suitcase and children's toys.

Unfortunately, nothing more has been found up to now.

Among the eleven rescued are three officers.

We are continuing to Recife, Brazil, where we expect to arrive tomorrow night.

British Near Damascus

Vichy, June 10.—(AP)—Semi-official French military sources announced tonight that British forces had advanced to within 10 miles of Damascus.

French reports from Syria declared that the main British column advancing on Beirut had been held up by stubborn French resistance at the river Litani, north of Tyre, but the British succeeded in landing a small force in rear of the French lines which the French were trying to clean up.

Cher, June 10.—(AP)—Free French headquarters announced tonight that its forces in Syria were near Damascus, capital of the mandate, and other French sources here said they were expected to enter the city tonight or early tomorrow.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, scattered thundershowers tonight and Wednesday, continued mild.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. June 10 to 7:30 p. m. June 11.—Temperatures near normal, precipitation light, some scattered thundershowers latter part of period.

Rescue Ship Captain Is Authority

Skipper of Brazilian Steamer Which Picked Up Eleven Survivors Radios Associated Press; Other Events Crowd Picture.

(By The Associated Press) The captain of a Brazilian rescue ship declared today in a radiogram to the Associated Press today that the United States steamer Robin Moor, sunk in the South Atlantic on May 21, "was torpedoed" and government officials in Washington expressed grave concern over other reports that the vessel was sent to the bottom by a German U-boat.

If true, it would be the first American ship torpedoed since the World War.

Captain Waldemar Lucio Pereira, skipper of the rescue ship Osorio, Washington, June 10.—(AP)—The White House asked today that judgment be suspended on the sinking of the steamer Robin Moor until it is established how she was lost.

One intercepted radio message given the Navy blamed a German submarine for the sinking and this aroused grave concern in the capital. However, Stephen Early, White House press secretary, said there was no official information. He said: "The President would appreciate it if there was a suspension of judgment on the sinking pending a determination of the facts." Early said it seemed to be fairly well determined that the position of the sinking was "in American waters—on this side of the Atlantic."

and 25 persons were still missing from the 5,900-ton Robin Moor. Eleven survivors have been picked up.

A Nazi spokesman in Berlin dismissed reports on the sinking as "rumor and contradiction."

Other developments crowded the international headlines.

Premier Mussolini virtually defied the United States to declare war against the axis.

If true, addressing the chamber of fasces and guilds on the anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war, declared Japan would be loyal to her pact with Germany and Italy in the event of "American aggression against the axis."

On the middle east war front, British columns driving into French-ruled Syria were reported less than ten miles from ancient Damascus, the capital, last night.

Early capture of the city was predicted by the British, who said their advance was proceeding smoothly.

Axis warplanes were reported to have violently and continuously assailed the British fortified island of Cyprus for the past 48 hours, indicating that Germany may be preparing a "second Crete" invasion of the Mediterranean stronghold, 69 miles off the coast of Syria.

Prime Minister Churchill.

Mock War On Coast

Elizabeth City Makes Ready to Defend Itself From Simulated Air Attack.

Elizabeth City, June 10.—(AP)—This city near the sea made ready today to defend itself from a simulated air attack.

A 1,700-gun outfit from Fort Story, with arms including three-inch anti-aircraft guns, was expected. Sound detectors were being erected, giant searchlights and 800,000,000 candlepower were readied and all kinds of vehicles rumbled into town.

The theoretical problem in strategy to be tested was the defense of the \$2,000,000 Coast Guard air station against attacking night bombers. The "raid" will come tonight and tomorrow night between 8 and 9 o'clock and will be one of the attractions of the potato festival.

Mussolini Defies U. S. To Declare War

Storm Death Toll To 29

Nine Persons Drowned, Many Missing, in Texas Flood as Storms Abate.

(By The Associated Press) Nine persons drowned and a rescue worker reported "many others" missing early today in an Albany, Tex., flood, bringing to 29 the storm death toll in midwestern and south western states during the last three days.

Thirty or 40 houses were reported marooned at the northwestern Texas town of 3,000 population, when dams of two city water supply lakes gave way after a two-inch, four-hour rain. The Texas disaster came while rising rivers and creeks threatened west to Kansas and Missouri.

Hopital notes were injected, however, by a forecast that rains would cease in Missouri and Kansas after today and by word from Nebraska that most flooding streams in that state either had reached or passed their peaks.

Tornadoes yesterday and Sunday night accounted for twelve of the dead—eight near Wichita, Kan., and four in the Texas panhandle.

Plane Plant Running

North American Factory Operating at 75 Per Cent Capacity; Men Advised to Return.

Los Angeles, June 10.—(AP)—North American Aviation Company workers were advised today by Wall Williams, a member of their United Automobile Workers negotiating committee, to return to work in the plant which the Army took over under orders from President Roosevelt.

The Army-controlled aviation plant operated today at almost 75 per cent of capacity, Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Branshaw announced.

"Considering the chaotic conditions that prevailed for a time yesterday, everything is running smoothly," said Colonel Branshaw, who is in

Churchill Declares Cretean Battle 'Well Worth Fighting' As He Defends Administration

London, June 10.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, facing a house of commons belligerent over the loss of Crete, declared today that this "warmer and fiercer battle" was "well worth fighting" and that it would play an "extremely important part" in the defense of the Nile valley.

Churchill asked what there was in "this principle of giving up without a fight any place which you cannot be sure of holding."

"Suppose we had never gone to Crete," he asked in characteristic language. "And suppose we had never defended Crete? Where would the Germans be now?"

"Suppose," he continued "that we had simply resigned territory and strategic points to them without a fight. Might they not at this early stage in the campaign of 1941 already

Income Tax Limits Kept

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee voted today to retain the present individual income tax exemptions of \$800 for single persons and \$2,000 for married couples.

"On the basis of this year's figures, this means that 16,000,000 persons will file income tax returns on their 1941 income. About half of those who filed returns this year paid income taxes."

At the same time the committee decided to retain the current \$100 credit for dependents in addition to the spouse.

BONDS SOLD

Raleigh, June 10.—(AP)—The local government commission today added to F. W. Cragg and Company, 1 Richmond, Va., \$15,000 worth of fire equipment bonds and \$25,000 extending bonds for the City of Greenville at a 2 1/4 percent interest with a premium of \$87.60.

SENATE VOTES FOR DRAFT DEFERMENTS

Washington, June 10.—(AP)—The Senate voted today to give President Roosevelt authority to defer military training for men who reach their 23rd birthday by July 1 next without having been inducted into the armed forces under the conscription act.

Says Nation Now In War

Italian Premier Says Totalitarian Dictatorship Would Follow War Declaration.

Rome, June 10.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini declared today that the United States was at war "de facto"—in fact and virtually defied her to declare war against the axis.

United States intervention in the war would result in a totalitarian dictatorship in the United States, the premier declared at a solemn session of the chamber of fasces and guilds on the first anniversary of Italy's declaration of war.

He referred to possible United States intervention in these words:

"If Spain and Turkey remain out of the war there is one transoceanic state which promises to enter it."

"It should be known that American intervention does not better us, excessively," Mussolini declared.

"An explicit declaration of war would not modify the actual situation, which is one of de facto war if not de jure (formally)."

"American intervention even completely employed would be too late and if not late would not change the situation."

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Lost Bomber Is Sighted

St. Louis, June 10.—(AP)—Wreckage of the Army's missing transport bomber which vanished Sunday with six men aboard was reported sighted west of Lyman, Wyo., this morning.

Army authorities sent a plane into the area.

The Army's ground crew is some distance in the reported scene of the crash but carries radio communication. The Army expects that its plane which it sights the grounded ship can glide the ground party to the ship quickly.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., a United Airlines pilot said that he sighted the plane and that it was on top of a knoll about ten miles northeast of Lyman.

He said the ship seemed intact and that it appeared possible for the six occupants to be alive.

Sanity In Priorities

Senate Group Urges That Priorities and Rationing Be Not Carried Too Far.

By CHARLES P. STUART

Central Press Columnist Washington, June 10.—"Don't carry priorities and rationing to the point of ridiculousness," is being urged by a Senate bloc of United States senators—not all of them isolationists, either.

The House of Representatives recently passed a bill which, if the Senate passes it also and President Roosevelt signs it, may result in just that sort of a situation, according to these members of the upper congressional chamber, and they're fighting it bitterly.

The original bill aimed at the crystallization, in the hands of the office of production management's priorities division (Edward B. Stettinius, Jr. is its director), of regulatory authority over orders for

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