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FDR Freezes All Axis Assets

Welles Scoffs At Germans

He Declares Americans Unimpressed

Matsuoka Telegraphs Premier Mussolini Endorsement of Il Duce's June 10 Declaration On Japanese Position.

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, undersecretary of State, declared today in a discussion of Berlin statement, that Americans "have not been impressed by what they regard as bluster or threats."

He made that statement in reply to newspaper men's queries concerning the attitude of the United States on a German spokesman's threat that any ship carrying contraband to England would be sunk.

While he would make no final statement until the full facts of the sinking of the American merchantman Robin Moor had been received, Welles remarked it was possible to look at the issues in a dispassionate way.

The facts and issues, Welles declared, are that an American merchant ship in accordance with the traditional, historical policy of this country on the high seas, engaged in peaceful commerce, was sunk in the middle of the Atlantic ocean far removed from any combat area.

The American vessel, Welles emphasized, did not carry any cargo which was prohibited by American law or which was considered contraband by the United States and the cargo was not destined for any part in a combat zone.

That vessel, the undersecretary declared.

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UPHELD.

Raleigh, June 14.—(AP)—The State supreme court today upheld the first degree murder conviction of Hubert Y. Cash of Durham for the fatal shooting of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Conley Cash.

RESCUED.

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—The Coast Guard today was advised by the cutter Duane that it had rescued 46 officers and men from the Trossell, a British merchant ship of 4,733 tons.

The Coast Guard did not say what happened to the British ship. The vessel was owned by the Hanes Steamship Company of London.



The newly-appointed Supreme Court Justice, James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, is shown at home in Washington with his wife and their dog "Whiskers." Byrnes was confirmed by his former colleagues in the Senate ten minutes after they received the nomination.

Japan Endorses Italian Statement On Axis Loyalty

PRESIDENT TREATS A MINOR ILLNESS

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt remained in the living quarters of the White House today to undergo further treatment for a sore throat.

White House officials said his condition was about the same and that he had a temperature of about half a degree above normal.

Will Defend Damascus

Official Sources in Syrian Capital Deny Reports of Capitulation of City.

Damascus, June 14.—(AP)—Official sources denied today reports that negotiations are under way for the surrender of Damascus to the invading British and Free French forces.

In the official denial, it was said the report of negotiations for the capitulation of this capital came from the London radio.

The report had been accepted in quarters here as an indication that Damascus would be declared an open city and thus would be undefended if the invaders pressed through the outer defenses.

(London reports have indicated that the allied drive on Damascus had been held up pending negotiations for a bloodless march into the capital).

The general situation, the official said, was unchanged since yesterday.

British air raiders were said to have struck four times during the night at the Beirut waterfront, but to have been driven off without inflicting casualties or damage by heavy anti-aircraft fire.

IMPORTANT PROTECTION.

Philadelphia, June 14.—(AP)—American war fibers won't get shot in the pants, if military authorities can help it. A major product of a new factory here, is a thick plate to go under the seats of military airplanes to prevent what might be called "unlucky hits" from below.

West Coast Strike Cracking

Undersecretary of State, Commenting on German Threat to Sink Contraband-Carrying Ships, Defers Final Statement.

Rome, June 14.—(AP)—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka has telegraphed Premier Mussolini, endorsing his declaration that Japan "would not remain indifferent in the face of American aggression against the axis," it was announced today.

Matsuoka's message, delivered to the Italian ambassador at Tokyo, referred to Mussolini's speech June 10 before the chamber of fates and guilds on the first anniversary of Italy's entry into the war.

Mussolini's words, referring directly to the Japanese foreign minister, were: "The attitude of Japan—through what foreign minister Matsuoka said at Rome and more recently at Tokyo—is in perfect line with the tripartite pact."

Matsuoka's message said he wished to let Mussolini know his "emotion" over the speech, and added: "On this occasion I wish to renew my heartfelt congratulations for the splendid successes which the Italian armed forces have had on all battlefields."

ALUMINUM SALVAGE CAMPAIGN PLANNED

New York, June 14.—(AP)—Plans for a national campaign to salvage 20,000,000 pounds of aluminum from kitchen pots and pans and other scrap metal sources were announced today by Frank Bane, Director of the Division of State and Local Cooperation of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Bane revealed the program in an address to defense representatives from 12 northeastern States at a conference here. A resolution was adopted by the 75 officials pledging support for the drive.

The metal would be sufficient for 650 long-range bombers or 4,000 fighter planes, Bane estimated, adding that local officials would be expected to assume leadership in the collection.

FURTHER CUT URGED IN AUTO PRODUCTION

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—Defense officials are being urged to order a cut in automobile production far in excess of the 20 per cent already agreed to by manufacturers, it was learned today.

The proposal for further curtailment was made by some government executives who believe that a shortage of various types of steel may impede delivery of defense orders, and that additional metal should be diverted from automobiles to ships and armaments.

Lumbermen to Return to Work Monday; AFL Machinists Vote Tomorrow on Return to Work on Ship Building.

(By The Associated Press) National defense production board officials watched west coast developments today as the Puget Sound CIO lumber strike ended and AFL machinists in San Francisco prepared to vote tomorrow on a return to work on \$500,000,000 worth of Navy and merchant ship building.

The three largest locals of the CIO International Woodworkers of America—whose president, O. M. Orton, last week denounced the board for "labor-busting and strike-breaking" tactics—planned to resume work Monday under a broad peace plan.

Possibility that full speed work in eleven San Francisco bay area shipyards might be resumed Monday after tomorrow's balloting was clouded by the report that only 739 of the original 1,129 AFL strikers are still available, the rest having found other jobs. Harry Hook, machinists boss.

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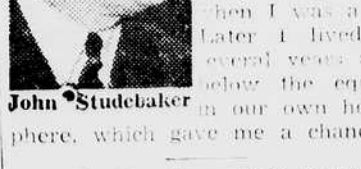
Text Books Corrected

U. S. Education Commissioner Finds Much Misinformation About South America.

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Washington, June 14.—John W. Studebaker, United States Education Commissioner, is right. Our Yankee school text books contain plenty of misinformation concerning Latin America. Perhaps they're not so bad relative to our very nearest neighbors, like Mexico and Cuba, but they are ample inaccurate as to the republics south of, say Panama.

I know, because I studied some of those text books when I was a kid. Later I lived for several years away where the equator crossed in our own hemisphere, which gave me a chance to



John W. Studebaker

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Joe Calcutt Defended And Denounced During Three-Hour Clemency Hearing

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

Raleigh, June 14.—Governor J. Melville Broughton will get a picture of Joe Calcutt, convicted slot machine distributor, as a "honest factor" in the language of a retired Methodist minister, and as a "common racketeer" in the eyes of the superior court judge who presided at the Fayetteville man's trial.

A quartet of able attorneys spent almost three hours Friday drawing the portrait of the preacher's viewpoint summarizes. Judge R. Hunt Parker presented his idea of the man and his business in a crisp, succinct statement penned originally as a telegram but which "due to its length I am mailing," as he put it.

Commissioner of Pardon Edwina Gill presided at the hearing on Calcutt's plea for a full pardon or, alternatively, for a parole which would save him from serving one day of the twelve months sentence Parker imposed after trial in Wake superior court late last year.

From congressman, down through state senators and county officials to residents of the little mill village in which Calcutt was born, there came a wealth of testimony that the one-time "biggest distributor of coin-operated machines in the world" is no part of a criminal, but on the other hand a man of outstanding ability and integrity, an asset to the community. In letters and telegrams, not by the score, but by the hundred, Parks Arendall of Calcutt, called, marshalled the testimony for his client, Commissioner Gill was told that one North Carolina superior court judge, Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., desires to be heard in Calcutt's behalf.

Such an overwhelming array of character witnesses* has probably never been paraded in a clemency hearing in many years.

On the other hand there appeared no attorneys to argue for the State of North Carolina; but on the commissioner's table and a part of record which will go before the governor was this acid indictment by Judge Parker: "For many years Calcutt has operated a criminal racket in North Carolina. Calcutt prior to his Wake trial had been arrested about twenty times. Touching Calcutt's good faith: he was operating one-armed bandits in Fayetteville in March, 1940. He was operating one-armed bandits in April, 1940. He was operating one-armed bandits in December, 1940. In his trial Calcutt swore 'that since 1939 law he had not put out one-armed bandits. His record presents a case of contempt for law with few, if any, parallels in North Carolina. I am opposed to Calcutt's request."

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Modern Betsy Ross at Work



Betty Mancill, of Marion, Pa., selected as the modern Betsy Ross, re-rehearses the making of the first American flag at the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, where the Stars and Stripes was born. Betty shares June 14 with old glory as her birthday.

Vichy Defenders Abandon Kissoué

Croatia To Join Axis

Rome, June 14.—(AP)—Political circles said today that Croatia would sign the three-power pact, joining other south-eastern European nations which have lined up with the Italian-German-Japanese treaty.

This was reported soon after it was announced officially that Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano had arrived at Venice with diplomatic representatives of Croatia and Germany.

British Subs Claim Toll

London, June 14.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that British submarines in the Mediterranean had sunk seven "enemy" vessels and torpedoed three others in far-reaching recent days which carried undense warships, even into German and Italian-occupied harbors.

The vessels sunk included an Italian armed tanker and two schooners it was reporting a loaded supply ship of about 1,000 tons torpedoed in a harbor, and two schooners, and a large cargo supply freighter torpedoed in an Aegean harbor.

In addition, a submarine "torpedoed and almost certainly sank" a large tanker of about 4,000 tons and other submarine "torpedoed" the Stronbo, a 5,232-ton vessel which was "reported to have been damaged by a torpedo" and an Italian merchant cruiser lying in the harbor of Benghazi "was torpedoed."

Occupied Countries Included

President Roosevelt, Acting In View of Unlimited National Emergency, Extends Order Freezing Assets in U. S.

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered the immediate freezing of all German and Italian assets in the United States.

At the same time he ordered the freezing of the assets of all invaded or occupied European countries not previously covered in freezing orders.

The executive order said the action was taken in view of the unlimited national emergency he declared recently.

The control measure will be administered by the Treasury department, whose machinery, the White House said, is already in motion.

Under previous executive order freezing control had been extended to the assets of Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Latvia, Estonia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Greece.

Today's order extended control to assets of Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Danzig, Austria, Czechoslovakia to Germany and Italy.

N. Y. Harbor To Be Mined

Loaded Mines to be Used to Some Extent in Mine Planting Beginning Sunday.

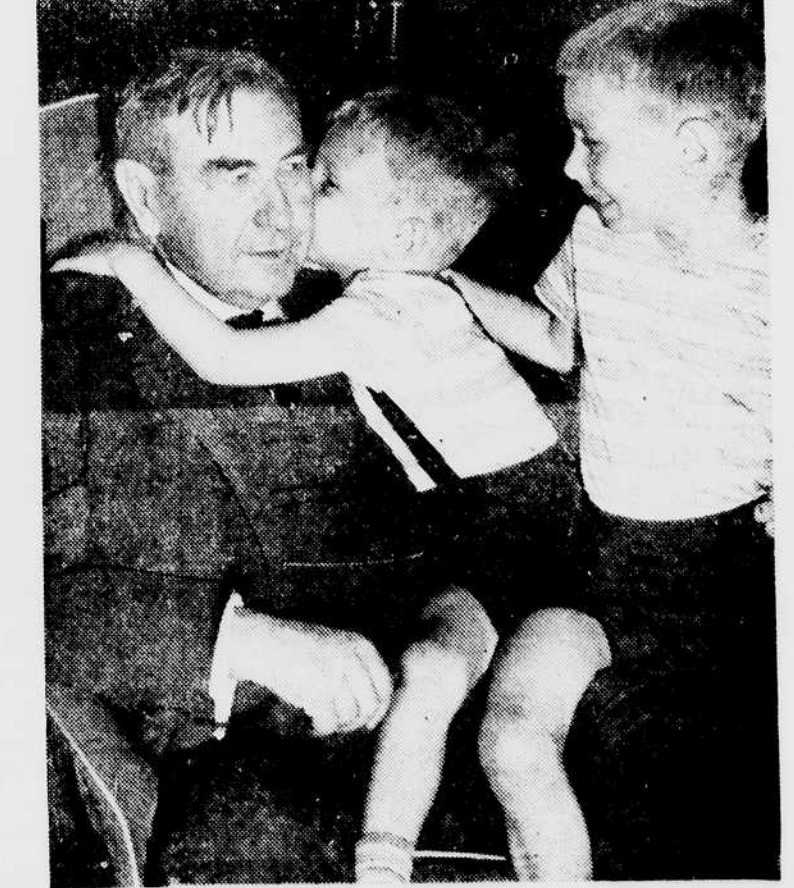
Washington, June 14.—(AP)—Preparations to sow mines in the lower bay of New York harbor were disclosed today by the Navy. It was indicated that loaded rather than mere practice mines would be used to some extent.

Officials did not say whether the operation, to be carried out this summer for training or as an actual safeguard of the harbor.

Advancing shipping that the mine planting would take place between June 15 and September 30 in a specified area in the vicinity of Sandy Hook, the Navy said that "when loaded mines are planted the area

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His Favorite Admirers



Harlan Fiske Stone, new Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, 200th birthday conference with two of his grandsons, Peter, 1 and Harlan, Jr., 6, are shown with their granddaughter, Julie Stone, 12, staying until he goes to Washington as Chief Justice.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, scattered showers in east portion.