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German Consulate Closed by U. S.



Dr. Hans Borchers (right), German Consul-General in New York, pauses at the door of his offices and shouts "No" to reporter's request for a statement. His office is included in the President's order that all Nazi consulates close and their personnel leave U. S. by July 10. The German Embassy in Washington was not affected.

Nazi Protest To Be Rejected

No Details Revealed

German Note of Protest Against Closing of Consulates Received By Welles.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—A strong German protest on the expulsion of Nazi consuls from the United States was delivered to the State department today and Sumner Welles, undersecretary of State, indicated it would be flatly rejected.

The note was taken to Welles by Hans Thomsen, German charge d'affaires.

In announcing its receipt, Welles declined to disclose the contents of the note except to say that it was a protest against the State department's order Monday that all German consular officials leave the country by July 10 on the grounds that they had engaged in activities inimical to the welfare of the United States.

Welles added, however, that arrangements were being made for the departure of the consuls.

This was considered tantamount to an announcement that the German note would be rejected outright.

Welles explained that under the usual procedure the United States would ask delinquents for the safe conduct of the consular officials on their return direct to Germany.

This indicated the arrangement made by the United States would assure that the consular officials return direct to Germany rather than go to Latin American countries where they might continue the activities that had caused their expulsion from the United States.

Leaf Buying Under CCC Told In Trial

Lexington, Ky., Defense attorneys attempted successfully in the government's tobacco anti-trust trial today to introduce a copy of a purported contract between a federal agency and the Export Leaf Tobacco Company, a subsidiary of the British American Tobacco Company.

Guy A. Shelton of Richmond, Va., vice president of Export Leaf, testified the document "appeared" to be a copy of the contract, but said he was not familiar enough with the original to identify the copy as "true and accurate."

Shelton testified he had seen a contract between the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation and Export Leaf but didn't identify the document proffered by a defense attorney as a copy of the contract.

An executive of the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain testified yesterday that his firm's buying practices remained unchanged after federal Commodity Credit Corporation financing revived purchasing operations halted by war in 1929.

Government objections were on the ground that the jury might get the impression the government "sanctioned" Imperial's buying methods. These objections were overruled.

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Strike Closes Kinston Plant

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Kinston, June 18.—(AP)—The Atlas Shirt Company here was closed today by a strike of nearly 300 employees.

The workers demanded a 10 percent wage increase and minimum pay of 40 cents an hour.

Alex L. Gross, company president, said the workers cut off the power to stop the operations.

Organizer Pauline Galloway of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union (CIO) said Gross refused to negotiate the workers' demands.

Pickets patrolled the entrances to the plant and police watched from the opposite side of the street. There was no disorder.

Seizure Bill Is Opposed

Senator Downey Says Property Seizure Power Would Close Small Industries.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—Senator Downey, Democrat, California, protested today that "property seizure" power asked by the War Relocation Authority "creates a military dictatorship" under which tens of thousands of small businesses will be ruined.

"It is absolutely necessary, then, let's face the facts," Downey, a member of the Senate military affairs committee, told Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

The California senator said both Army and Navy officials had informed him that they intended to seize machinery and tools of many small southern California industries as soon as the property seizure measure was law.

"I look with horror on this," Downey said.

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Washington, June 18.—(AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren accused officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority today of seeking to evade "responsible and effective accounting of its expenditures" by the general accounting office.

Warren endorsed before the House military affairs committee a bill by Chairman M. M. Democrat, Kentucky, to bring TVA accounts under the audit and settlement jurisdiction of his office.

"I hold the view that any government agency like the TVA should have some latitude and flexibility," Warren testified. "However, I strongly oppose exemption from regular accounting and control."

TVA witnesses in opposition to the bill will be heard tomorrow, May said. They contend that the May bill would veto the comptroller general virtual veto powers over all TVA developments.

Nazi Note Dispatched

No Details Revealed Concerning Contents of Protest on Consulate Closings.

Berlin, June 18.—(AP)—The dispatch of Germany's protest against President Roosevelt's order closing all German consulates in the United States brought a momentary lull today in the discussion of the tense German-American relations.

The Germans are saying nothing further but apparently are taking the attitude that the next step is up to the United States.

Asked whether the episode might be considered closed with Germany's formal presentation of a protest, an authorized spokesman said:

"No. The reaction to our note is awaited."

The text of the protest was not disclosed, the only indication of its nature being a general statement vigorously denying that German consulates in the United States had been guilty of any conduct injurious to America.

Italian Move Up To U. S.

Rome, June 18.—(AP)—A spokesman said today that Americans in Italy would be treated exactly the same as the United States treats Italians living in America in the matter of credit and property freezing.

The definition of American residence in Italy and the interpretation of the Italian decree yesterday which exempted such residents from certain provisions such as the blocking of bank accounts depends on Washington, the spokesman said.

The Italians thus presumably will require the same length of residence as that required by the United States to establish an alien as a resident.

Wilson Man, Zamzam Survivor, Says Life Aboard Prison Ship During 34 Days Was 'Hell'

Wilson, June 18.—(AP)—A Wilson survivor of the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, sunk by a German raider in April, said in a letter received here today that life for 34 days aboard Nazi prison ships was "hell and almost indescribable."

The letter, delayed by censor, was sent to Ed W. Davis, local newspaper man, by W. A. Johnson, one of six Wilson men who were aboard the Zamzam.

In his letter Johnson related:

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That night contact was made with the prison ship Dresden. The next day the Zamzam prisoners were put aboard. Later they were transferred to another ship upon which they spent 34 days before being landed at St. Jean de Luz, France.

They were given only a quart of water a day for bathing.

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The sanitation arrangements were "awful." There were none until the captives built them.

New British Drive Smashed In Egypt

Immigration Control To Be Instituted Soon

Government Bars Nazis' Departure

Boards of Review to be Established to Pass on All Applications for Visas; General Tightening of Restrictions Expected.

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—Sharper control over immigration to the United States is to be instituted before July 1, authoritative sources declared today a few hours after the government had barred the departure "pending further instructions" of any of the 330,000 German nationals now living in this country.

To effect the new strict control over movements of aliens, boards of review will be established to pass on all applications for immigration visas after each application has been thoroughly investigated.

The State, Justice, War and Navy departments will have one representative on each of the five boards of review to be set up, it was learned, with the possibility that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will also be represented.

The Army and Navy representation on the board, it was learned, is particularly designed to prevent fifth columnists or subversive agents

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Vietri, June 18.—(AP)—The French declared tonight their counter-offensive in Syria had driven through the British lines so far they had reached the Palestine frontier.

They said their forces, pushing in behind the British in southern Syria, had reached the Palestine border south of the Syrian town of Merdjayoun and were threatening the entire British communication system on the central front.

All along the southern Syrian front, said military dispatches, assaults by French infantry, supported by aircraft were making hazardous the rearward lines of the British column which had been driving toward Damascus and Beirut.

The heaviest French assault was said to have been launched against the coast road south of Sidon, where the French asserted the Australian who had captured that ancient port had ceased to advance since the British fleet stopped shelling the French position.

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FDR's Son Reports for Duty



C. P. Phonephoto

John Roosevelt, youngest son of the President, reports to Commander Edwin A. Edlidge as he starts duty at the Naval Supply School corps headquarters at Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Mass.

The President's three other sons also are in the armed forces; James in the Middle East as a Marine observer, Elliott in the Army Air Corps and Franklin, Jr., in the Navy.

Censorship Clouds News From Finland

TURKISH-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP PACT IS SIGNED TODAY

Berlin, June 18.—(AP)—The German government announced tonight that it had signed a friendship treaty with Turkey at Ankara.

Ambassador Franz von Papen and Turkish Foreign Minister Saracoglu signed the accord at 2 p. m. (C. D. M. E.S.T.) the announcement said.

More Oil For East

U. S. Announces Transfer of Tankers, Says Restrictions Appear 'Inevitable'

Washington, June 18.—(AP)—In first military action to put more oil into the east, it is reported by a State Department Secretary today, announced today a reorganization of an tanker service to increase the strategic oil supply by 2,000,000 barrels annually.

After conferences with officials of the Standard Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of California, U. S. defense petroleum coordinator, announced he had made recommendations whereby three more tankers now engaged on routes between Britain and east coast ports would be switched to run from Gulf ports to the east coast.

The coordinator emphasized, however, that the increase in the east coast supply did not greatly lessen the danger of a prospective shortage in that populous area where he said restrictions of civilian use of auto-

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Axis Report Claims Full Victory

Official Italian News Agency Declares Hundreds Of American Tanks Used By British; British Admit Withdrawal.

(By The Associated Press.) Germany and Italy reported "complete and overwhelming victory" today in smothering a British counter-offensive after a violent three-day battle in the desert around Salim, Egypt.

"The enemy, overwhelmed, is retreating," the German high command said.

An Italian war bulletin declared the British had thrown "ponderous masses of tanks supported by the best part of the Middle Eastern air force" into the conflict—only to be crushed by the "overpowering impetus" of the axis counter-attacks.

British Middle East headquarters acknowledged that British advance forces—which had knifed as deep as 40 miles into Libya—had withdrawn to "forward positions" on the Libyan front.

The withdrawal was executed, the British said, to avoid an encircling movement by German reinforcements rushed from the Tobruk area and because "we had accomplished our object" of making the Germans disclose their strength.

Stefani, the official Italian news agency, said the British used "hundreds of American tanks" mostly of the newest type.

Captures of "several hundred German prisoners" and the destruction of large numbers of axis tanks and guns was officially reported by the British.

On the Middle East war front, the British reported that allied columns were attacking the town of Mezze, three miles west of Damascus, and that allied patrols had reached a point only twelve miles from Beirut, the Lebanese capital.

Damascus dispatches said artillery fire could be heard in the city. Elsewhere the British acknowledged that counter-attacking Vichy French troops had recaptured the Syrian town of Merdjayoun, six miles from the Palestine frontier, and Kineitra, south of Damascus.

The British declared that the French counter-attacks had been halted and that the situation was "well in hand."

In the war in the air, the London air ministry reported that big squadrons of royal air force bombers smashing at western Germany for the seventh night in a row set many fires and inflicted widespread destruction in the industrial cities of Cologne and Düsseldorf.

Bern, Switzerland, June 18.—(AP)—The second interrupted telephone conversation within 24 hours, probably more than a hint of developments—according to reports from Bern—has been broken because of a communication of Helsinki today.

"The streets of Helsinki are crowded with men and women in uniforms—soldiers fully armed as well as battalions x x x x" a dispatch began this evening.

It was broken off there. The remainder of the story will have to await the Finnish censor's approval before it can be telephoned.

(It has six members of the Finnish women's military auxiliary which run kitchens and provide nursing services for the Finnish army.)

A broken telephone connection with Helsinki also left obscure the details of a reported exodus of Russian troops from the Hanko military base on which the Soviet Union has a 30-year lease.

An incomplete dispatch received last night from the Finnish capital said:

"Evidence of what apparently is a large-scale evacuation of the Soviet military base at Hanko have been observed lately both along the railway transit route across Finnish territory and over sealanes of the Finnish coast in the direction of Leningrad."

"Eye witnesses reported seeing long Soviet trains x x x x."

At this point the telephone connection was severed.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair and rather cool tonight. Thursday a fair with rising temperature.

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