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## France's New Role Sharply Emphasized By New Occurrences

### Union of South Africa Breaks Diplomatic Relations With Vichy; U. S. Diplomats Go to Key African Posts; Other Developments Reported.

(By The Associated Press.)

France's new role in the war, particularly her collaboration with the axis, was sharply emphasized today by a series of developments:

1. The Union of South Africa, a part of the British empire which would probably be given the task of dealing with Madagascar, broke off relations with Vichy.
2. It is about 500 miles from Durban, South Africa, to Madagascar.
3. In London, a British spokesman said he now reported that 20,000 tons of French shipping have been taken over by Japan.
4. High ranking United States diplomats, it was disclosed here, have been newly transferred to Brazzaville, in Free French West Africa, and to Nigeria and Liberia in an evident move to strengthen the U. S. diplomatic front in Africa.
5. Observers said the stations are usually assigned to newcomers.
6. In Vichy, Premier Laval himself received the Japanese ambassador-designate, Takemitsu Mitani.
7. The Vichy government went to the length of issuing an official denial of Moscow radio reports that German sailors were arriving at the French Mediterranean base of Toulon and that French warships were being turned over to Germany.
8. The statement also denied reports "of a fight between French and German sailors."
9. Admirers reaching London said mass arrests of General Charles de Gaulle's Free French followers on Madagascar, including members of the island administration, were carried out on orders from Laval.
10. Agents of the Vichy regime were said to be rounding up all sympathizers of the Free French movement on this island.
11. In Washington, informed sources again suggested the possibility of a complete diplomatic rupture between the United States and France.

## Larger Gas Ration Indicated By Ickes

### 'No Justification' For Anticipating Limit of Two and One-Half to Five Gallons Weekly, Coordinator Declares.

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes declared today there was "no justification" for anticipating that eastern motorists would be limited to as little as two and one-half to five gallons of gasoline a week.

Such figures had been mentioned as likely under the card rationing system announced yesterday by Price Administrator Leon Henderson, to be effective May 15, but Ickes told his press conference, "if we are able to carry out plans there will be no such limit."

"We refuse to believe that people will be put on such short rations. Our objectives is to supply as much gasoline as possible."

Ickes said he knew of no such figure having been discussed and noted that Henderson's announcement of the card rationing plan did not contain the two and one-half to five gallons figure.

Some official estimates of the probable ration allowances in the east had ranged from this figure to 20 gallons a month. Some OPA sources, not speaking officially, still cling today to the two and one-half to five gallon estimate and said it might well be less. Ickes, however, declined to forecast what the official figure would be, remarking that "we can't see very far ahead."

## Woods Fires Still Rage

### Forest Officials Believe Blazes in Southeastern Forests May Be Controlled Today.

Brevard, April 23.—(AP)—With more than 1,000 men battling woods fires which already had swept through more than 30,000 acres of land, state and federal forest officials in the southeast hoped to bring the blazes under control today.

Southwestern Virginia has lost 12,000 acres of forest land, North Carolina approximately the same amount in a fire which has been going since Sunday, and nearly 6,000 acres in another which was extinguished just before the new one broke out.

In southwestern Kentucky, some 500 men were battling 43 fires last night, with nine other fires in lost and no manpower to send against the

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## SUGAR SALES HALT ON APRIL 27, STOCKS FROZEN UNTIL MAY 5

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—OPA officials said today that retail sugar sales would be halted, as originally planned, April 27 and that all retail stocks would remain frozen until consumer rationing begins May 5.

The action is designed to prevent a last minute pre-rationing rush and enable retailers to adjust their stocks for rationing sales.

## Nazis Call Reserves

### Youths of 17 and 18 Years, Men From Subjugated Countries and Workers Called.

Kuibyshev, April 23.—(AP)—An official Russian spokesman declared today that Germany recently called up a total of 1,999,000 reserves.

The spokesman, S. A. Lozovskiy, vice-commissioner of foreign affairs, told a press conference that this total included 900,000 in two new military classes, youths of 17 and 18 years.

The remainder of the 1,999,000 reserves was said to be made up of a half-million men from the subjugated countries and 500,000 drawn from vital German industries.

Lozovskiy said that the German rear was disintegrating while the Russian home front remains strong. The German back of the lines are "exhausted," Lozovskiy asserted.

He praised the RAF's recent raids on Liebeck on the Baltic and Augsburg in the heart of southwestern Germany, saying "the more the better because this is the only language the Germans understand."

## 40-Hour Week Suspension Is Opposed

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Suspension of the 40-hour week for America's industrial workers was opposed flatly today by Representative Engel, Republican, Michigan, with the argument that it would lay the groundwork for destruction of property rights and thus "mark the end of democracy and the beginning of totalitarianism."

"The fundamental issue, in the final analysis, is the worker's property right in his union contract with his employer which guarantees him definite pay for hours worked," Engel declared in an address prepared for presentation on the House floor.

The Michigan Republican argued that suspension of the 40-hour law

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## Reign Of Terror On French Island As World Asks:

# Madagascar To Axis?

## German Rhineland Raided By RAF

## Nazi Fears Of Invasion Increased

### Heavy Aerial Thrust Against German Foundries and 'Invasion Coast' Cap Spectacular Commando Raid Near Boulogne.

(By The Associated Press.)

British RAF warplanes celebrated the feast day of St. George, the patron saint of England, with a heavy assault on the German Rhineland and the docks at Le Havre before dawn today, while Stockholm dispatches reported increasing German nervousness over the prospect of an allied invasion.

During the night, big guns on the English channel coast also boomed across Dover strait and continued firing for about 30 minutes.

The aerial thrust against Adolf Hitler's Rhineland war foundries and Le Havre capped yesterday's spectacular raid by British commandos who landed on the Nazi-occupied French "invasion coast" near Boulogne, cut German communications and probed enemy fortifications for two hours.

The Nazi high command acknowledged "some casualties" and material damage in western Germany but declared that German night raiders struck back with an attack on an English south coast munitions factory which caused "violent explosions."

The Germans said five RAF bombers were shot down over the raid; the British said four planes were missing.

Stockholm advices said German expectancy of an allied invasion of western Europe had increased considerably, with the Nazis taking feverish precautions.

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## New Zealand Placed Under Naval Area

Wellington, New Zealand, April 23.—(AP)—Prime Minister Peter Fraser declared today that New Zealand and the neighboring islands, including Fiji, had been included in the south Pacific operations area, now under United States naval command.

"It was our desire that Australia and New Zealand should remain closely linked in one area under General MacArthur," Fraser said.

"We made representations accordingly, but strategic considerations as determined in Washington must prevail and we have accordingly concurred in the above organization."

Fraser said there would be "the closest cooperation" between the areas, "while the whole area of the Pacific will be coordinated by the combined chiefs of staff and the Pacific war council in Washington."

## Army Builds Detectors

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson reported today the Army was "working very hard" to build and place all along the coast radio detector devices, which he said could signal the presence of hostile ships and planes more than 100 miles away.

"We already have a lot of them," the secretary told his press conference.

Telling of an inspection trip he

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## Aussies Learn Commando Tactics



Aussie soldiers undergo numerous difficult maneuvers in their training camp at Victoria. This squad, wearing steel helmets and carrying bayonets in their teeth, are neck deep in water as they ford a stream. (Central Press)

## Profits Tax Hike Urged

### Ways and Means Committee Studies Proposal to Raise Level to 50 Per Cent.

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—A proposal that corporate excess profits taxes be lifted to the unprecedented level of 50 per cent was studied by the House ways and means committee today as it awaited the 15th of President Roosevelt's anti-inflation program expected to be announced next week.

The increase from the present 49 per cent maximum was advocated by statisticians employed at the capital to assist members to write new tax measures and came during the committee's first day of session of the administration's \$7,000,000,000 tax program.

Secretary Morgenthau's tax hike were reported to have laid the committee there would be no objection to going above the 50 per cent level they recommended, but the increase should be coupled with a reduction of normal taxes.

Members said two uncertainties would have to be removed before even a tentative decision on the excess profits rate could be reached. These were:

1. Reports that President Roosevelt might include in his projected price-profit control program a provision next week to restrict 475 annual confiscatory corporate taxes, combined with some form of freezing of wages.
2. Whether a formula for government retention of the top layer of corporate profits as a post-war "nest egg"—recommended by the Treasury and several witnesses before the committee—could be agreed upon.

## LAND URGES ACTION TO END AGITATION

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Emory S. Land declared today that the government ought to stabilize labor-management relations in the shipbuilding industry to end the "internal agitation" he said was going on about the closed shop and other questions.

Land, chairman of the maritime commission, predicted in testimony before the Senate defense investigating committee that production in the nation's shipyards could be increased 12 to 15 per cent this year and 25 per cent next year with an improvement in morale.

He said that disturbed labor relations were bound to be damaging to morale.

## DEFENDANT TURNS STATE'S WITNESS

Concord, April 23.—(AP)—Luther Brice, one of four persons on trial here for the alleged theft and sale of eight automobile wires, turned state's witness at the opening of the case today and testified against his co-defendants, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stansbury of Greensboro, and George J. King.

Brice, a Negro, said he took the tires from a Concord warehouse at the instigation of King and received \$125 from the latter. He and King, he testified, took the tires to Greensboro and turned them over to Stansbury, county manager and chairman of the county board of commissioners.

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## Howard Convicted In Revenue Trial

### O'HARE NOMINATED FOR NAVY PROMOTION

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—The nomination of Lieutenant Edward H. O'Hare, the Navy flying ace who shot down five Japanese bombers and damaged a sixth in engagements over the Pacific, to be a lieutenant commander was sent to the Senate today by President Roosevelt.

Also transmitted to the Senate was the nomination of James P. Pope to be director of the Tennessee Valley Authority for another term.

## Buy Sanely, Babson Says

### Economist Advises Laying Up Money for Rainy Days Which are Bound to Come.

BY ROGER W. BABSON.  
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Baltimore, April 23.—I am agitated by the way people are going into big retail stores to buy goods. Thus far the sales in this city are 40 percent ahead of the same period for last year. I surely urge readers to keep their heads. With the exception of metal, rubber and a few other goods, stocks of merchandise unsold are still above last year. When this crazy buying period is over, you may again see "fire and water" sales and general marks.

## RAILWAY OFFICIALS ACQUITTED IN TRIAL

Peoria, Ill., April 23.—(AP)—President George P. McNear, Jr., and two other officials of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad were acquitted by a federal court jury today of charges of violating the national railway labor act by coercing union employees.

The verdict of not guilty was returned after the jury of five men and seven women had deliberated eight hours.

## Former Revenue Department Cashier Found Guilty of Embezzlement and Aiding; Ward Trial Opens This Morning.

Raleigh, April 23.—(AP)—Harry Howard, former cashier of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, was convicted this afternoon of charges of embezzling \$1,650 in state funds and of aiding and abetting in other embezzlements.

The verdict was returned almost 24 hours after the jury first took the case under advisement.

About an hour before the verdict, Judge F. Don Phillips, presiding over Wake superior court, recalled the jury for "further instruction" on the matter of aiding and abetting. At that time, the jury announced that it was divided, seven to five, but there were no indications whether the seven favored conviction or acquittal.

Judge Phillips gave no indication when he would sentence the slight, middle-aged Howard, whose attractive wife sat by his side throughout the trial.

Howard's conviction was the first in the current charges made against former employees of the revenue department. Three others have pleaded guilty and a fourth nolo contendere. Still two others must face trial at this term of court.

The trial of Robert Lee Ward, Jr., of New Bern, former chief of the division of accounts and records, opened this morning, following selection of the jury and lengthy arguments by lawyers on the validity of the various bills of indictment under which Ward is charged with being an accessory after the fact and with embezzlement of \$362.49.

One of the first witnesses was W. J. Spain, assistant commissioner of revenue, who was subjected to a barrage of cross questioning by D. L. Ward, attorney for the defendant.

## Three Freed At Roxboro

Roxboro, April 23.—(AP)—Judge R. Hunt Parker directed verdicts of not guilty today for three men on trial here for alleged participation in the storming of the Person county jail last August when a young Negro was being held there on a rape charge.

The three freed today, with the consent of Solicitor William H. McDowell, were W. G. Bradsher, Leob Dixon, and Edward L. James. McDowell expressed the opinion that the evidence against them was insufficient and that apparently they were spectators instead of participants in the mob action.

Another defendant, Thomas G. Slaughter, was freed by a non suit yesterday. Still another, W. J. Green, Jr., is in the Army and was not placed on trial.

The case against the other defendants, P. I. Holt, Johnnie Holt, Coy Harris, A. P. Spriggs and Willie Aiken, was nearing the jury today.

## Judge Parker Directs Verdict of Not Guilty for Three Defendants.

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## De Gaullists Arrested By Hundreds

### Speculation Heightened That Laval May Plan to Turn Key Island Over to Japan; News From Other Pacific War Fronts.

(By The Associated Press.)

A virtual reign of terror on the key French island of Madagascar, with the arrest of hundreds of de Gaullists, was reported today amid quickening speculation that France's new pro-German premier, Pierre Laval, may be planning to turn the island over to Japan.

The world's fourth largest island, Madagascar lies off the east coast of Africa atwart vital allied lines of communication with India.

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## Madagascar Is Not Being Defended Against Japanese Infiltration, and It Cannot Be Detached Against Japanese Invasion, Said Dispatches Reaching London.

In the Philippines, a Tokyo broadcast reported that between 500 and 600 American-Filipino troops were still holding out in the jungles of Mt. Balay, the highest peak on Panay island, while other last ditch allied defenders continued to fight on Timor island in the Dutch East Indies.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia said Australian and Dutch forces were still battling the Japanese in the interior of the half-Dutch-half-Portuguese island of Timor, 400 miles northwest of Australia. No other details were given.

A Tokyo broadcast asserted that Japanese troops had completed occupation of Panay island, in the central Philippines, but an allied communiqué declared:

"Our forces are in contact with the enemy in southern Panay island."

On the Burma war front, a new crisis developed on the Chinese-held east flank of the allied defense line as Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese troops slowly fell back under the assault of numerically superior Japanese invasion forces.

The Chinese acknowledged the fall of Pinyinan, 150 miles south of Mandalay, and indicated that their

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