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Toll Of Jap Ships Reaches 21

Broughton Protests Rationing Of Gas In State

Pipeline Terminus Is Cited

Governor Declares North Carolina Should Receive Same Concessions Given 'Certain Atlantic Seaboard States.'

Raleigh, May 11.—(AP)—Governor Broughton, in a telegram to Price Administrator Leon Henderson, today protested the rationing of gasoline in North Carolina.

The governor declared that because of the pipeline which terminates in the state North Carolina should receive the same concessions given to "certain Atlantic seaboard states to the north of us, the middle and western portions of which states it is reported will not be subject to the rationing program."

He pointed out that the capacity of the pipeline was 50,000 gallons per month.

While stating that North Carolina would make every sacrifice necessary to winning the war and cheerfully submit to "whatever rationing of gasoline is essential for this purpose," the governor urged that the gasoline problem be treated as "national and not sectional."

He declared that the burden of limited use should be equally distributed among all the states.

Broughton also reiterated a proposal made previously by him, that the inland waterway be used to transport oil and gasoline by barges.

A copy of the wire was sent to President Roosevelt and to each member of the North Carolina congressional delegation.

Army Planes Made Raid

War Department Discloses Officially That Army Bombers Blast Japan's Cities.

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—United States army bombers made their first official raid on Japan April 18, the war department disclosed last night, confirming at long last what millions of Americans ardently hoped was true.

Thundering in low and fast in broad daylight, the mighty bombers, loaded with both demolition and incendiary bombs, blasted selected military targets near Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and other cities, a communication said. Big fires were started, some of which burned for two days.

And that was all the department had to say as to how the raid was carried out. But it was enough for Americans who had been hoping eagerly that the news of the raid, which previously had come only from the Japanese themselves, was true. It was enough to prove that "somebody" did in fact bomb Tokyo, as President Roosevelt archly hinted in his radio address April 28—"the first time in history that Japan has suffered such indignities."

As for whether the planes took off from a carrier at sea in a joint army-navy operation or from a land base somewhere, how many there were, and all the other details at which the Japanese have been desperately guessing ever since—they will just have to keep on guessing.

The communication was the first direct official acknowledgment here that American planes had carried out the raid which apparently threw the Japanese into panic as well as doing great damage.

Blind Boys Working for Victory



This is a total war and these students of the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind in the Bronx are digging in and doing their bit to help beat the Axis. Two of the sightless youngsters are shown working in the victory garden at the institute. (Central Press)

European War Fought With Words

Churchill's Declaration Dominates Warfare in Psychological Realm of Nerves, Fears, Expectations and Threats.

(By The Associated Press) The European war today still lay largely in the psychological realm of nerves, fears, expectations and threats.

It was dominated by Prime Minister Churchill's declaration of yesterday that the RAF would spread poison gas "far and wide against military objectives in Germany" if the Germans resorted to unprovoked use of this weapon on the Russian front.

He also added the weight of his words to the already apparent prospect of a combined British-American bombing offensive against the reich, but kept his counsel on the possibility of a second European front against the axis.

The Russian front still was quietest as compared to the fury which prevailed in the German offensive last summer and the Russian counter offensive of the winter months. Winter was having its final fling on the northern and central sectors while the world awaited the fury to break anew, either there or in some other potential battle zone of Europe.

The Russians, in advance, had given point to Churchill's threat of retaliatory gas warfare on behalf of the Soviet Union by reporting officially on Saturday that the Germans were testing a new gas technique on the Crimean front, using small mines to dispel a disabling vapor.

Britons knowing Churchill's capacity for judging events at hand, too, thought of their own defense against gas, confident, however, that the RAF would have the whip hand in any gas warfare waged from the skies.

The German high command acknowledged localized attacks yesterday on the Russian front but declared that the Red army thrusts either collapsed or were repulsed and claimed for the air force a 27-to-1 score in planes shot down on the far northern front, listing 22 British Hurricanes among the Russian losses.

In other eastern front air action, the Germans claimed a merchant ship sinking in the Kerch strait of the Black sea and bomb attacks in the Murmansk region of the Arctic.

With heat gripping the Libyan battlefield, the war in the African-Mediterranean theatre over the weekend was fought largely in the air, centering on the island of Malta.

Navy Hero With His New Son



Looking slightly uncomfortable, like most fathers holding new offspring for the first time, Lieut. John D. Bulkeley, torpedo boat leader of forays against Jap warships, is shown after his arrival in New York City. The youngster was born a month ago. That's Mrs. Bulkeley at left. (Central Press)

Final Count May Total Even More

Aerial Sequels to Battle of Coral Sea Account for Bomb Hits on Two Subs, Seaplane Tender and Tanker.

(By The Associated Press) The grand total of Japanese ships sunk or crippled in the battle of the Coral sea and its aerial sequels mounted today to 21, with bomb hits over the weekend on two submarines, a seaplane tender and a tanker.

Continuing victory over Japanese sea power on the north-eastern flank of Australia and the supply line to that continent strengthened the belief that it could be held as a concentration point for the eventual counter offensive against Japan although the danger had not yet passed.

Competent observers at allied headquarters in Australia, stressing the conservatism of the total claims against the Japanese, expressed belief that the Washington summary of the sea battle, when it is issued, might include Japanese transport losses.

The sinking of two "transport or supply ships" and damaging of two have been listed in communications from Australia.

In line with allied restraint in interpreting the battle of the Coral sea, Sir Keith Murdoch of the Melbourne Herald, one of Australia's most eminent public figures, said that the engagement was with "a comparatively light Japanese naval force, not against the main Japanese fleet."

"What must be realized," he added, "is that a large Japanese expedition is beginning."

On the Burma-China front, a bulletin from Chungking reported that heavy fighting continued today at Chetang, 25 miles inside China, on the Burma Road, where the Japanese have received reinforcements to replace the two columns reported wiped out there late last week.

Tokyo, silent on Chungking's specific victory claims, nevertheless declared that British-imperial and Chinese resistance in Burma was tottering and that on Burma's Indian frontier the line of allied retreat into the Indian frontier of Assam had been cut by Japanese seizure of all strategic points.

Japs Rule Philippines

Tokyo Broadcast Says Last of American-Filipino Forces Have Surrendered.

Tokyo (From Japanese broadcasts), May 11.—(AP)—Domei declared in a French language broadcast tonight that "the conquest of all the islands of the Philippines by the Japanese forces now has been completely achieved."

Quoting a dispatch from Mindanao, the Japanese agency said that Major General William F. Sharp, described as commander in chief of American-Filipino forces in the Mindanao region, surrendered unconditionally last night.

Thus, the dispatch said, "four days after the fall of Cebu, all the American-Filipino forces in the Philippines have submitted."

Compulsory Savings Plans Are Advanced

Both Branches of Congress Receive Proposals to Compel Wage Earners to Invest in War Effort on Withholding Basis.

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Plans to compel every American wage earner to invest a part of his weekly pay check in the war effort were put forth in both branches of Congress today.

Chairman George, Democrat, Georgia, of the Senate finance committee, advocated a withholding tax of from 5 to 10 per cent of all wages,

salaries and dividends, while Representative Gore, Democrat, Tennessee, came forth with a bill to deduct a percentage of every wage, beginning with 6 per cent in the \$20-\$30 unmarried class and ranging upward.

The Gore bill, which provides that the money deducted be used to purchase war bonds for the employee, would set up the following scale in the lower brackets:

Weekly Wage	Single	Married
\$20-\$30	6 Per Cent	None
\$30-\$40	\$1.30 plus 7% of amount over \$30	7% of amount over \$30
\$40-\$50	\$2.50 plus 8% of amount over \$40	7% plus 8% of amount over \$40
\$50-\$60	\$3.30 plus 9% of amount over \$50	\$1.50 plus 9% of amount over \$50
\$60-\$70	\$4.20 plus 10% of amount over \$60	\$2.50 plus 10% of amount over \$60

In the higher brackets, annual income would be limited to \$25,000, after payment of taxes, with the remainder going into the purchase of bonds. That was the limit favored by President Roosevelt in his recent share-the-war speech.

Senator George's 5 to 10 per cent withholding tax plan was offered as an alternative to the Treasury's proposal to obtain \$1,000,000,000 in new revenue by lowering income exemptions.

Billy Conn Stages Bout With In-Law

Pittsburgh, May 11.—(AP)—The Sun-Telegraph says Billy Conn, former light heavyweight champion and an aspirant for the heavyweight title, broke his left hand last night in a fight with his father-in-law, Jimmie Smith, at Smith's home.

Conn, now a private in the Army, was to meet Champion Joe Louis in a bout next month.

Conn and Smith, a former major league ball player, had been at odds since Conn last summer married Smith's daughter, Mary Louise, despite Smith's objection.

The Sun-Telegraph quoted Conn as saying Smith, through a friend, invited him to the Smith home last night following a christening ceremony for the Conn's baby. Conn said the friend explained Smith "wanted the friend to hatchet." The newspaper quoted Conn:

"Maybe he did want to bury the hatchet before I got there but not after."

Willkie Urges Defense 'With Your Votes'

Schenectady, N. Y., May 11.—(AP)—"To make sure this war is not 'just another season of blood letting,'" Wendell L. Willkie implored Union college graduates today to "defend your country not only with your guns but with your votes."

Speaking to a class of 166 seniors, the 1940 Republican presidential candidate declared in a prepared address "leaders without convictions who were thinking in terms of group vote catching" betrayed the nation after the last war.

"As citizens, you may be called on to give your very lives to preserve your country's freedom," he said, "consistent program" of international office men who will not make a mockery of that sacrifice.

Willkie called "the lack of any continuity in our foreign policy" the "most obvious weakness" in the country's history. Neither major political party has followed "a stable or consistent program" of international cooperation in the last 45 years, he asserted.

Three Armies For Defense Of India

New Delhi, May 11.—(AP)—General Sir Archibald P. Wavell posed three reorganized Indian armies to smash at Japanese invaders today a the Nipponese pushed northwestward toward the frontier in Burma and continued to gather an invasion fleet at Rangoon for a descent on Bengal.

The RAF, following up blows of United States Major General Lewis H. Brereton's air force, which has sought to smash Japanese base-around Rangoon, struck again at Magwe, just south of the Yemaung-yang oil fields in Burma where the Japanese have occupied an airfield. The Blenheim bombers scored hits on the runways, a communique said.

Reorganizing his armies, Wavell announced that three military commands in India had been changed from static bases of administration to fighting headquarters prepared to move wherever the enemy strikes.

Auto Seizure Bill Meets Opposition

Connally Leads Movement Against Proposals, Predicting 'Terrible' Public Reaction to Requisitioning of Motor Cars.

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Formidable opposition appeared to be developing in the Senate today against legislative proposals which would permit the government to seize privately-owned automobiles.

One bill, introduced by Senator Downey, Democrat, California, would establish \$5,000,000,000 fund which would be used to build up a government stock pile of cars, tires and parts by donation, purchase or requisitioning.

Another proposal, by Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, would fix a nationwide 40-mile an hour speed limit and authorize the government to commandeer all cars found traveling at greater speeds. The owners would be paid for their cars.

Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, indicated he opposed any such drastic move and declared the public reaction would be "terrible" if some cars were requisitioned and others were not.

One of the principal motives of the bill is to conserve the nation's rolling stock pile of rubber tires. Senator Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, expressed belief that this aim could be achieved by government purchase of the new automobiles now in the hands of manufacturers and dealers.

Others pointed out that many of the 1,000,000 automobile owners in the east would be forced to save their tires as a result of gasoline rationing.

Senator Hill, Democrat, Alabama, said he believed that auto seizure legislation should be passed to bring home to the people the seriousness of the rubber situation.

Gulf Area Joins Others In Sub Zones

New York, May 11.—(AP)—A new area—the Gulf of Mexico—was added last week to the four sectors of Atlantic waters where axis submarines since Pearl Harbor have sunk an officially announced total of 175 United Nations vessels.

In reporting 18 new sinkings during the week of May 4-10 the Navy said seven of these occurred off the U. S. east coast bringing the war

LEGION TO MEET AT INDIANAPOLIS

Chicago, May 11.—(AP)—Indianapolis, Ind., was recommended by the American Legion national convention liaison committee today for the 1942 convention to be held September 19, 20 and 21.

Leo J. Daster, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, chairman of the committee, announced that because of wartime conditions the committee recommended that this year's national convention be limited to 10 per cent of the regular number of delegates and those national officers and members of standing committees essential to the Legion's program.

Henry-Haye Meets Hull

French Envoy to Discuss American Negotiations With Martini-que Commissioner.

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Gaston Henry-Haye, French ambassador to Washington, called at the State department today to present the Vichy government's views on United States proposals to safeguard French Caribbean possessions and commented that "this is no time to pour oil on the fire."

"The less I say today the better," he told newspapermen before meeting Secretary of State Hull. "Patience is called for at the moment. I am trying to avoid complications by refraining from commentaries which might interfere with the adjustment

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Ship Attacked Near Shore

Lake Worth, Fla., May 11.—(AP)—A British medium-sized merchantman was attacked recently in broad day light, within a mile and a half of an Atlantic beach, by daring axis submarine, but the vessel was towed to safety at an east coast port, the Navy announced today.

The explosion startled residents along the coast, and hundreds of the curious congregated on the shore to

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Little change in temperature tonight except slightly warmer.